

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Rain-making
Experiments

SOME disappointment must be felt with the disclosure that cloud-seeding experiments carried out earlier this year by the Royal Observatory were unsuccessful in their results and that it has to be officially conceded that the Colony cannot "make rain" by this, or any other known method.

The Colony, however, will not feel it has been let down by the Observatory and other government departments which planned and carried out the experiments. They were well worth the time and modest expenditure involved. Expert observations made during the tests have, in fact, yielded some useful knowledge to meteorologists generally.

The Hongkong experiments have not disturbed the fundamental principle of cloud-seeding, but they have helped in a big way to show that rain-making of this nature can only be successful over plains; that the presence of mountains almost completely nullifies the normal effects of seeding clouds with water drops.

THE detailed official report on the experiments which appears on this page today makes it indisputably clear that orography affects the distribution of rainfall and that no amount of scientific simulation of rain can counter those effects.

Thus, regretfully, Hongkong must write off rain-making as a practical project, and resign itself to the knowledge that until a sufficiency of water can be impounded and stored during the rainy season, water supplies will remain at a premium.

Nevertheless, the conclusions drawn from the experiments are not all negative. A significant section of the report deals with orographic effects on rain in the Lantau area, observing that there is good reason to believe Lantau has much more rainfall during the cool (dry) season than other parts of the Colony.

This conclusion adds considerable importance to the recent announcement by the Director of Public Works that a survey is now proceeding to explore the feasibility of impounding rainfall on Lantau with a view to piping additional water supplies to Hongkong.

THE idea of utilising Lantau as an additional reservoir for increasing the Colony's water supplies is an old one, though hitherto not seriously contemplated. The proposition rightly calls for a new evaluation, particularly in light of the report on rain-making experiments.

If Lantau is blessed with a bigger yearly spread of rainfall than other parts of the Colony then it would seem only sensible to harness and make use of those unexpected resources.

Progress reports on the Lantau survey and the practicability of a reservoir there feeding Hongkong with additional water will be welcomed by the public.

In the meantime, the dry season has arrived, more stringent water rationing can be expected, and it therefore remains the duty of everybody to avoid any wastage of water—in the home, in the factory, in the office and elsewhere.

Official Report On Cloud Seeding Experiments
NO 'EXTRA' RAIN FOR HK
Unfavourable Result From
May Tests Says
Observatory

Although more rain fell in the first eleven days of May—when the Royal Observatory carried out extensive rain-making tests—than in the previous seven months, the acting Director of the Royal Observatory said the method of water seeding cumulus clouds did not increase rainfall in Hongkong.

In a technical report on artificial and orographic simulation of rainfall in Hongkong, Mr C. S. Ramage and Mr G. J. Bell, the joint authors, observe that the only two successful water seeding operations so far reported took place over the plains of New South Wales and over the Caribbean.

The principle underlying water seeding, namely that the relative movements of the seeding drops and cloud particles increase collection efficiency and so promote rain, is therefore probably valid.

However, when cloud cover a rugged terrain such as Hongkong's, mechanical turbulence produces such a range of movement among cloud particles that the resulting increased collection efficiency may well be an order of magnitude greater than that deriving from the injected drops.

The report notes that although many days, during the experiments, had general thunderstorms, there were enough seeding and non-seeding days with "warm" cumulus to test the method.

Whenever these clouds precipitated, the rainfall pattern could always be related to orography. The sprays produced not the faintest sign of distortion downstream. Patterns on seeding and non-seeding days with similar low-level flow did not differ significantly.

Orographic effects completely swamped any effect seeding may have had.

HONGKONG'S RAINFALL
EXAMINED

The report states that detailed examinations made during the experiment threw light on many aspects of Hongkong rainfall.

Monthly and annual charts demonstrate that orography affects the distribution of rainfall; the experiment enabled accurate daily rainfall charts to be drawn for the first time and it was possible to identify some orographic effects and their causes.

In its conclusions the report states that in thunderstorms, the heaviest rain may fall anywhere in the Colony. On the other hand, rain from cumulus or towering cumulus clouds is closely linked to topography and to the direction of low-level winds.

It is observed that except during infrequent drought summers, enough rain falls from May to September to fill and overflow the reservoirs. In winter and spring, however, outflow even when supply is severely restricted always exceeds inflow.

The regions of maximum cool season rainfall, Lantau and the Eastern New Territories are at

present unmaped and except for scattered observatory rain gauges, unsurveyed for water yield.

Additional rain and stream gauges may well confirm that significantly more cool-season rain falls in these areas than elsewhere. Vegetation distribution certainly supports this conclusion.

In a chapter relating to orographic effects on rainfall, the report states that Lantau Island may affect cloud and rain distribution over a large part of the Colony in summer.

It adds that the Lantau "cloud stream" is sometimes the only organised cloud system over the Colony. Since the whole area except for the north-western plain is rugged, an additional factor must operate in the case of the Lantau system.

MOUNTAINS AND
CUMULUS CLOUDS

The most probable explanation may be that a south-westerly flow converges horizontally NE of the wide Lantau Peak area and that this convergence produces a direct mechanical lifting downstream.

A very clear example of this effect occurred in the 24-hour period ending 3 p.m. on May 2, when winds below 10,000 feet blew steadily from south-west at 20 knots. The only significant rain fell between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and was entirely confined to the Lantau street. Hourly rainfall and radar observations sharply delineated the street and the five separate showers of the period.

The conclusion reached is that under certain conditions, orography may cause a nearly complete and rapid "rain out" of cumulus clouds.

More important still, winds in the lowest layers determine where most rain will fall. Thus in the cool season (October to April) although rain-bearing disturbances are invariably embedded in and move with the upper-level westerlies, the low-level monsoonal easterlies and northeasterlies control distribution.

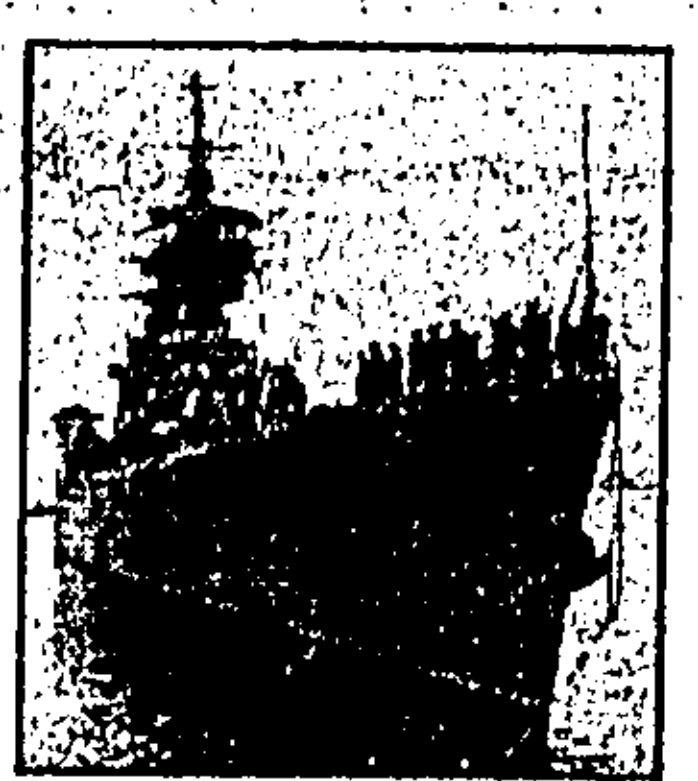
Orography is the branch of physical geography dealing with mountains.

'How Do You
Like Pompey?'



★ The biggest contingent of Soviet sailors to visit Britain since war's end breezed into Portsmouth harbour last week on a five-day goodwill tour.

★ On the right is a picture of the cruiser, Sverdlov, tying up at Portsmouth—Express and Central Press Photos.



RN GOODWILL FLEET WARNED
"BEWARE OF LOOSE MINES"
So (At Soviet Suggestion) They Drop Anchor

Leningrad, Oct. 17. Five British warships, already delayed ten hours on their way home after a goodwill visit here, dropped anchor 25 miles from Leningrad today when the Soviet Navy warned there might be danger from floating mines dislodged by gales.

The 13,350-ton aircraft carrier Triumph and four destroyers anchored between the Kronstadt Naval Base and the Leningrad Lightship shortly before they were due to enter the Gulf of Finland. They were prepared to stay there until daylight when floating mines, if any, could be spotted.

Captain Geoffrey Bennett, British naval attaché, said: "The Russian naval authorities said that whenever there is a gale in the Gulf of Finland an appreciable number of mines break loose from their buoys in an old minefield."

lookout, but they cannot be seen by night. Captain Bennett added that the Soviet Navy always anchored under the circumstances. Captain Bennett said the safety of the British ships seemed to be the Russians' main consideration in laying down departure times.

It was suggested earlier they wanted the ships to leave in darkness to avoid seeing the dockyard now under construction.

But this was not borne out when the Russians raised no objection to the ships sailing after the gale hold-up—Reuter.

FEARS OF
NEW CRISIS
IN FRANCE

Paris, Oct. 17. Influential voices in France today united in warning Parliament and the nation against indulging in another Government crisis.

The warnings came 24 hours before a vote of confidence on the Government's proposed reforms in Algeria which will be taken some time tomorrow evening by the National Assembly.

First warning came from Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, the Moderate Conservative leader whose loyal support in face of opposition within the ranks of his own party enabled Premier Edgar Faure to get a massive vote in the Assembly for his new deal on Morocco over a week ago.

M. Pinay in an interview in Figaro, said: "If the Government is overthrown, it will mean rejection of the European statute for the Saar (in the referendum next Sunday), revival of German nationalism... and Faure's inability to play any influential role at the four power talks in Geneva at the end of this month."

PONCET'S WARNING

M. Andre Francois Poncet, for 10 years French High Commissioner and Ambassador in Bonn, wrote: "A Cabinet crisis would further reduce credit abroad and would justify what is being said about us in all languages of the world that France is the 'sick man' of Europe and the rotten plant to which it would be folly to cling."

Other Parliamentarians today joined in press interviews warning against overthrowing the Cabinet now. Yet the greatest confusion prevails, and none of the political experts, even in the highest Government quarters, is prepared to assert that the Government will survive tomorrow's vote.

Some place their hopes for the Government's survival on the latest political developments in Morocco where at long last the Government has succeeded in setting up the Throne Council.

This Council marks a concrete step forward and renders the Socialists less hostile to the Government in tomorrow's crucial vote than they were last week.

At the same time the setting up of a Throne Council has given rise to much controversy on both sides—China Mail Special.

Demonstrations In
Marrakesh

Marrakesh, Oct. 17. Bands of youths roamed through the streets of Marrakesh from dawn today, cutting many telephone and telegraph wires and setting fire to shops.

Demonstrations began following an announcement by the the Nationalist Istiglal Party stating that the Throne Council set up last Sunday was formed without the approval of this party.

The mountain areas and the region around Marrakesh were calm today—France-Press.

Troops Protest

Paris, Oct. 17. Troops of the 404th anti-aircraft regiment staged a public protest at Valence today against their despatch to Algeria to reinforce French security troops there. But they continued their train journey a few minutes later—Reuter.

Madame Fath's
Lucky Escape

Versailles, Oct. 17. Mme. Jacques Fath, widow of the late Paris dressmaker narrowly escaped death today in a fire which did more than \$500,000 worth of damage to a chateau she owns at Saint Martin des Champs here.

A chateau watchman saved Mme. Fath by setting up a ladder under her window. The fire believed to have started from a short circuit devastated more than half the chateau including paintings and decorative woodwork—France-Press.

Clergyman's Sharp
Attack On
Princess' Romance

London, Oct. 17. An English clergyman denounced Princess Margaret's romance with Group Captain Peter Townsend today as "entirely unsuitable, uncalled for, and bitterly regrettable."

Canon C. T. Kirland said: "Here she contemplates a deliberate affront to her religion, to the church and to those who love her."

The Canon made his statement before 1,800 Kentish mothers attending a meeting of the Anglican Mothers' Union at Margate.

He made his statement in reply to a written question passed to him from the audience, asking his views on how mothers of the Church of England should regard a marriage between Princess Margaret and Group Captain Townsend.

Because Captain Townsend is a divorced man, the Church of England cannot sanction his remarriage as long as his former wife is still alive.

Speaking later in more general terms about divorce, Canon Kirland said: "It is often our faithful duty to cut ourselves off entirely from relatives and close friends who have flouted the law of God by divorce and remarriage, allowing assistance and their own desires to outweigh Christian principles."—United Press.

PRINCESS AND
TOWNSEND GO
TO A PARTY

London, Oct. 17. Princess Margaret and Group Captain Townsend, were guests at a party in South Kensington tonight.

Earlier today they returned separately from the week-end country house party at Allsabbay near Blenheim, to London.

Host at tonight's party was Mr Mark Bonham Carter, 33, the son of Lady Violet Bonham Carter.

He was one of the Princess's most frequent escorts to theatres and restaurants until he married last summer. Group Captain Townsend arrived at the Bonham Carter's house in Victoria Road, Kensington, a few minutes before the Princess—Reuter.

"I yield to none in my loyalty and admiration for the Queen and the Royal Family," said Canon Kirland, former Canon of Coventry Cathedral and now Honorary Canon at Canterbury Cathedral.

"But I feel profound sorrow about Princess Margaret's rumoured marriage. The Princess has endeared herself not only by her charm but because, to her religion, was a really beyond the ordinary casual acceptance."

"Here she contemplates a deliberate affront... In every way it seems entirely unsuitable, uncalled for and bitterly regrettable."

"I don't see what line the church can take but I do think the less we gossip about it the better," he said.

Murder Inquiry

Seaman Cleared
Of Suspicion

Nice, Oct. 17. A murder case witness questioned on the advice of the former Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, was cleared of suspicion this morning.

He was Dennis Hignoo, a British seaman, who, while working in the yacht "Aronia", lent to Sir Winston, made statements about meeting a British school teacher, Miss Janet Marshall, who was murdered near Amiens (North France) on or about August 26.

A Police officer inquiring into the case at Nice confirmed that on the key nights, Hignoo was at an hotel in Cologne, Germany—France-Press.

'Given Freedom

Washington, Oct. 17. The Supreme Court of the United States today granted freedom to John David Proctor, a former US Army sergeant convicted of treason while a prisoner of the Japanese in World War II—France-Press.

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US DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

Slight Increase Expected In 1957 Fiscal Year

Denver, Oct. 17. Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson said after a conference with President Eisenhower today that defence expenditures for the 1957 fiscal year might "be a little higher" than the estimated \$34,500,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Wilson and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spent 25 minutes in conference with the President today in his eighth floor suite at Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

Mr. Wilson said the President agreed with him substantially in planning for the armed forces in the next fiscal year, accepting the fact that the armed forces in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957 will have to remain at a level of about 2,850,000 men—the current size of the armed forces.

Mr. Wilson told reporters that estimates on money for fiscal 1957 could vary from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

He said the President accepted the fact that current estimates might change within an area of a small percentage.

As the President's recovery from a heart attack continued to the satisfaction of his physicians, in his conference with Mr. Wilson and Adm. Radford, Mr. Eisenhower approved the selection of Lieut. Gen. Randolph Tate as Commandant of the Marine Corps, effective January 1.

General Tate, now Assistant Commandant of the Marines, will succeed Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, on January 1, when the latter retires.

No Sign

Mr. Wilson apparently did not get into dollars and cents detail with the President concerning defence costs in fiscal 1957, but outlined how the Defence Department executives were going about preparing their new budget.

Mr. Wilson and Adm. Radford agreed that they saw no signs on the international horizon to warrant a material reduction on the size of the armed forces or the cost of the defence establishment between now and June 30, 1957.

The Defence Secretary is going to the Geneva Foreign Ministers' meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles later this month and discussed the trip briefly with the President.

As for his reason that defence spending in the new fiscal year might be higher rather than lower, Mr. Wilson said there were several reasons for this possibility. One was stepped-up work on the so-called "New Line" network of early warning radar installations in Canada. Other factors involved an increase in the production rate of B-52 jet bombers and some types of fighter planes, salary increases for members of the

armed forces and such other factors as the increase this year in the price of steel.

No Idea

He said there was no idea at the top of the Administration to reduce the size of the armed forces merely to contribute to budgetary balance.

The Secretary said he thought the proper approach to the forthcoming Geneva meeting would be to remain open-minded but in the realization that communism and the aftermath of World War II could not be "cleaned up in a few days or a few weeks."—United Press.

Sudden Meeting On Disarmament RUSSIAN MOVE

New York, Oct. 17. The United Nations Disarmament Commission is expected to meet later this week at the request of the Soviet Union, but British sources said today that it was unlikely there would be any full-scale debate at this time.

The Soviet permanent representative to the United Nations, Mr. Sobolev, in a surprise move last Friday asked for a meeting of the twelve-nation Commission today. That was not possible at such short notice. The Commission will probably convene about Thursday or Friday.

Western delegations have not been able to determine why the Soviet Union should have asked for a meeting now, with the Big Four foreign ministers conference at which disarmament will be discussed due to open in Geneva on October 27.

Consider Report

Mr. Sobolev asked that the Commission consider the report of its five-power sub-committee which met in London earlier this year and more recently in New York at the request of the Geneva summit conference. The Commission is, in turn, due to report to the General Assembly.

The sub-committee broke up just over a week ago preparatory to the foreign ministers meeting. Its report will be a lengthy document making public the various statements. There will be no attempt to assess the results of the sub-committee's work. Although the sub-committee's meetings are supposed to be a secret, the majority of the statements made in it and various proposals put forward have been made public by individual delegations.

British sources said that the sub-committee's report would not be available until the end of this week, and that it was likely that other members of the Commission who were not represented on the sub-committee would require time to give it careful study before a debate could be embarked upon in the Commission.

The Commission is composed of the eleven members of the Security Council plus Canada.—Reuter.

Pope Addresses Athletes



Pope Pius is shown on his way to an athletic display held last week at St Peter's Square, Rome. Some 60,000 Catholic athletes from all parts of Italy congregated for the display, during which an address was delivered by His Holiness.—Express Photo.

POLIO ON INCREASE IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Oct. 17. A Soviet doctor has disclosed that cases of acute poliomyelitis have increased in Russia and there have been epidemics in some regions in the last few years.

This is an unusual disclosure for Russia. It was published in the Health Ministry newspaper Medical Worker.

Professor D. Futer said that the research of scientists of many countries provided the hope "that in the very near future it will be possible to wage the fight against acute poliomyelitis in a completely rational way." There was every ground to believe that "in the not too distant future, a complete victory will be gained."

The Medical Worker writer said experiments in the United States with the use of the Salk vaccine "may be considered successful." He said research in this field was continuing, and that it might be assumed that vaccination would be one of the most important means of combating polio.—China Mail Special.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Oct. 17. There are 14 sets of twins at Highlands School, Salisbury, and the masters often have to take their word on which is which.

One master said: "When in doubt we just take their word that they are Terence Patrick, for example, or simply address them individually as 'Twin'."—China Mail Special.

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Grand Welcome For Kabaka

Kampala, Oct. 17. Uganda's biggest ever fireworks display lit the night sky over Kampala tonight, as the Buganda people feasted and danced in celebration of the return today from a two-year London exile of their ruler, 80-year-old Kabaka Mutesa II.

For months they have been brewing banana beer and distilling their own spirits for the celebrations, which were expected to last all night. The Kabaka, flown from London in a specially-chartered plane, had arrived at Entebbe airport this morning to a tumultuous welcome with wild cheering, yodelling, and beating of tribal drums. Porters along the route from the airport proclaimed: "We are demanding self-government now!" and called for free elections which are planned to be held for the first time in 1957.

Police headquarters said the welcome crowds behaved with unexpected orderliness. They could not confirm eyewitness reports that a press bus had run over a woman on the road.

A senior officer said police were investigating a riot which broke out today at a prison near the Kabaka's palace, in which one African was reported killed and several prisoners and wardens injured.

Tomorrow the Kabaka signs a new agreement with the Governor, Sir Andrew Cohen, in which he "solemnly undertakes" loyalty to Queen Elizabeth.

Thousands of yelling dancing Africans greeted the Kabaka with delicious excitement as he stepped from his plane at Entebbe airport today.

He was carried shoulder high from the plane to a vintage Rolls-Royce car, while men prostrated themselves and women loosed their hair in his honour.

First to greet the 80-year-old Kabaka was his wife, who ran up to fling her arms round his neck in joyful joy. The Governor of Uganda, tall, elegant Sir Andrew Cohen, who exiled the Kabaka in 1953 for failing to co-operate with Britain, greeted him next, followed by the Kabaka's four-year-old daughter Dorothy.—China Mail Special.

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New Trial For Author

Washington, Oct. 17. The US Supreme Court today ordered a new trial in the case of Caryl Chessman, author of a best-selling book written while he was in prison under a death sentence.

Chessman was convicted seven years ago on charges of rape. He has been in a death cell in the San Quentin prison. Chessman's life has been saved several times by last-minute reprieves.—France Press.

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PROPOSED ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Ex-POW Hangs Himself

Hamburg, Oct. 17. Eight days after his repatriation from a Soviet prison camp, a former German soldier, Karl August Agurka, 46, hanged himself here today.

In a letter to his sister, in whose apartment he committed suicide, Agurka explained that he was taking his life because he was afraid he would not be able to readjust himself to civilian life.—France-Press.

Russians Return Famous Painting

Berlin, Oct. 17. Russia has returned to Germany one of the most famous religious paintings of all time, Raphael's 'St. Anne and the Child Jesus,' which was taken to Moscow by the East German news agency, ADN, reported today.

It is among the most valuable paintings in the world, having been in the collection of the Russian Tsar since the 17th century. It was taken to Moscow by the East German news agency, ADN, reported today.

The painting was bought for the gallery in 1754.

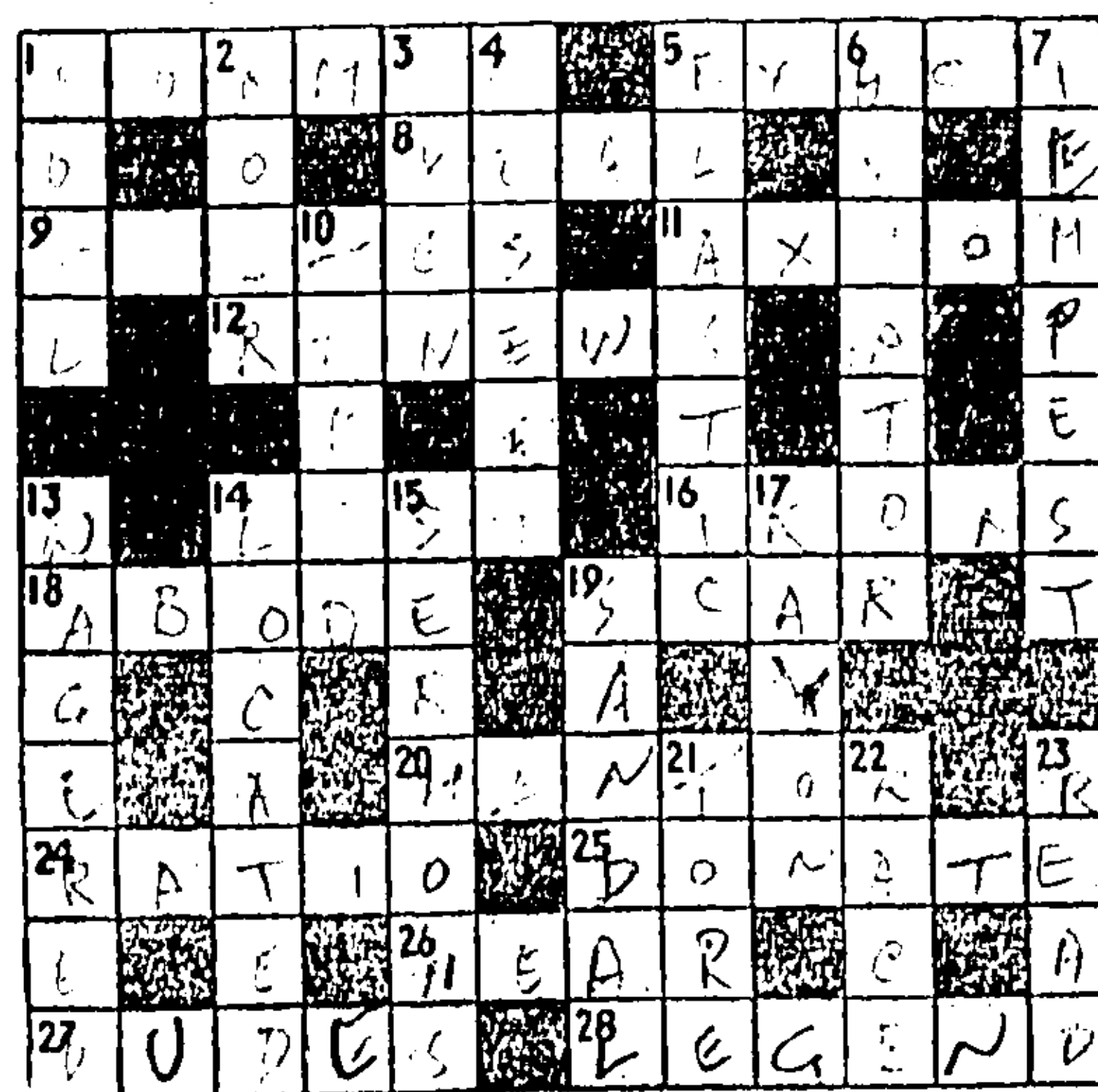
The Soviet Government announced it intended to return the painting last March and the first batch arrived in East Berlin last week packed in two wagons, coupled to the Moscow-Warsaw-Berlin Express. The St. Anne painting was the 100th case to be returned.

About 1515

The paintings are to be exhibited in the East Berlin National Gallery before returning to Dresden. The St. Anne painting, known by reproductions the world over, was painted by Raphael about 1515 as an altar-piece for the Benedictine monastery of San Sisto at Piacenza.

It shows the Madonna, in flowing veil, holding the infant Christ, on the right arm. Kneeling on her right is the figure of Pope Sixtus IV, to whom the monastery for which Raphael painted the altar-piece was dedicated, and on her left is St. Barbara, with two smiling cherubs at the base of the picture.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Shaped (6).
 - 2 Precise (5).
 - 3 Meat (4).
 - 4 Speaks (6).
 - 5 Self-evident truth (8).
 - 6 Renovates (6).
 - 7 Catalogue (4).
 - 8 Fetters (5).
 - 9 Residence (5).
 - 10 Blemish (4).
 - 11 Counsellor (6).
 - 12 Proposition (5).
 - 13 Give (6).
 - 14 Close to (4).
 - 15 American dandles (6).
 - 16 Myth (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Idiot (4).
 - 2 Below (4).
 - 3 Uniform (4).
 - 4 Abandon (6).
 - 5 Spring (7).
 - 6 Plying man (7).
 - 7 Storm (7).
 - 8 Lukewarm (5).
 - 9 Beloved (7).
 - 10 Placed (7).
 - 11 Religious discourses (7).
 - 12 Artificial silk (5).
 - 13 Footwear (6).
 - 14 Rent (4).
 - 15 Contest of speed (4).
 - 16 Petrine (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Tames, 4 Droyer, 8 Turnip, 10 Sloop, 12 Ordinal, 14 Matinee, 17 Lees, 19 Spoil, 20 Cordial, 22 Epoca, 23 German, 27 Deleto, 28 Elude, 30 Essay, 31 Treaty, 32 Scene, Down: 1 Totem, 2 Merit, 3 Scion, 5 Ruse, 6 Violet, 7 Repose, 9 Prosage, 11 Tuleum, 13 Deplete, 16 Adop, 18 Indeed, 19 Erin, 20 Cement, 21 Reduce, 24 Resia, 25 Awary, 26 Enure, 27 Lent.

Membership Should Be Based On Full Equality RECOGNITION OF SMALL NATIONS

United Nations, Oct. 17. Egypt told the United Nations today that the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency could only be based on equality of membership and recognition of the views of the smaller nations.

Speaking in the UN's Main Political Committee debate on atomic energy for peaceful uses, Egyptian delegate Dr. Abdel Meguid Ramadan stressed that the problem "has become the common property of all peoples of the universe, of all categories of mankind without distinction of nationality, race or colour."

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He stressed Egypt's progress in the atomic energy field and noted that "Egypt was among the first to accept the conditions of the Geneva declaration" at the Geneva conference, and also to accept the second Arab scientific congress in September.

Equality

Egypt, he said, does not ignore the role played by the great powers in production of atomic energy but insists that the proposed world agency "must be founded on a base of equality of all states."

The Egyptian delegate said Egypt would soon communicate through diplomatic channels her observations on the proposed charter for the International Atomic Energy Agency but in regard to the suggested formation of the agency's governing board wished to stress that "in principle, we must avoid any discrimination among states represented there. It is necessary to consider the right of geographic representation as well as the situation regarding the role of member states in their own regions."

"What appears most important to us," he said, "is to institute the international agency on a healthy democratic basis. At the moment when the world is engaged in a period of lessening international tension, it would be out of place for the

Importance

"We recognize the importance of the role given the great powers in the domain of atomic energy production, but this does not mean to imply that the little states must remain neutral in the nuclear arms race which would belong to the great powers."

Dr. Abdel Meguid Ramadan said that the UN, he expressed the view that the agency be established without delay and before the agency charter is completed. The major powers, he said, should be determined by the UN to be left to be determined by the agency itself once it is in operation.

He said that the insistence on leaving the agency's relation with the UN up to the agency "signifies that it is presumed that the agency, once formed, could decide not to have any links with our organization."

Closest Bonds

But while urging the closest bonds between the agency and the UN, he opposed the Soviet proposals that the agency be put under the supervision of the Security Council, thus being subjected to the veto. He said that "the international agency and its functions should not be subordinated to any political organization whatever which could impede its efforts."

The Egyptian delegate said his country supported all proposals for holding more world scientific congresses and urged development of knowledge about atomic energy through the widest possible distribution of documents and documentary films.

He said that "science has no frontiers, and it has been proven that in the world of atomic matters, no monopoly can be admitted."

He said Egypt was making rapid progress in her own research programmes and that preliminary tests have shown the existence of radioactive materials in Egyptian territory.

Egypt is stressing the need to develop trained personnel before thinking of its own reactor, he said, and is carrying out a five-year training programme toward this goal.

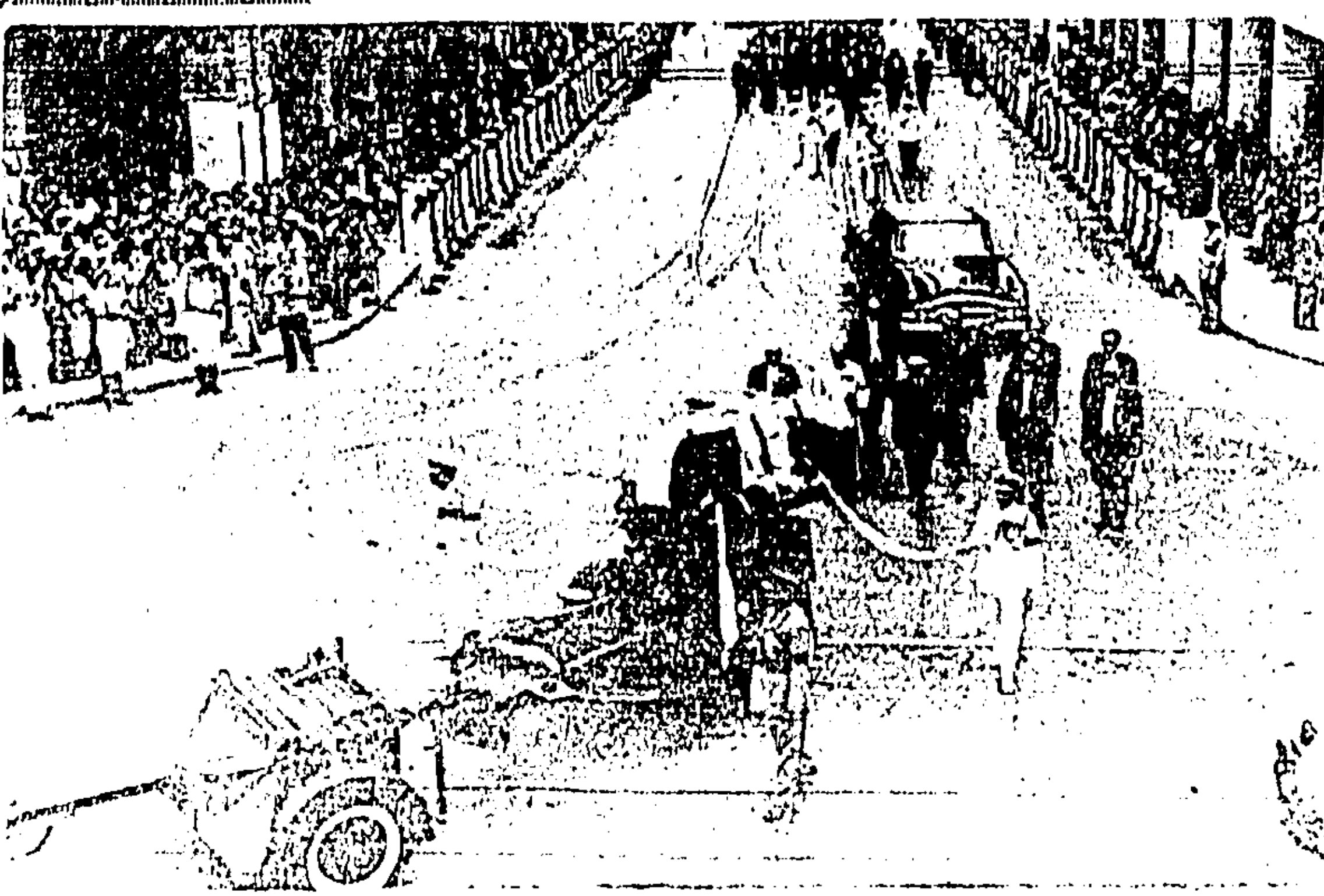
He announced that Egypt will send abroad 50 experts in the field of atomic energy and 100 specialists in the field of experimental sciences in order to train them for operation of an experimental station.

Approval

Egypt's National Atomic Energy Commission has also approved a \$2,000,000 project to acquire scientific materials and establish laboratories for the specialists when they have completed their studies abroad.

Egypt has accepted the United States offer to a library on atomic energy research, he said, and has also acquired US instruments and equipment for installation of a centre of research in isotopes. An American expert and four Egyptian specialists trained in US institutions will direct the project, he said.—United Press.

MARSHAL PAPAGOS BURIED



As Greece mourns, the body of her former Premier, Field-Marshal Alexander Papagos, is borne to rest in Athens. Field-Marshal Papagos' death marked a close to a full life of service to his country in military and political fields.—Express Photo.

Tank Blows Up

Tunis, Oct. 17. One child was killed and another injured when an army tank on display at the International Tanks Fair blew up today.

The two boys were standing in the tank turret when a short circuit caused the explosion.—United Press.

No Air Mail Reduction

THE price paid to airlines by governments for carrying mail overseas has been reduced, but hardly any countries have reduced air mail postal to the public accordingly.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) was told today by Sir William Hildred, its Director-General, who presented his report in the 10th anniversary general meeting here.

He said the reductions on the price paid to airlines for mail carrying was as much as 30 per cent on some routes.

He urged the 75-member airlines of the IATA to resist any attempt to reduce their rates further at the next Congress of the Universal Postal Union at Ottawa in 1957, which will set foreign air mail rates for the following five years.

But he admitted that he was "somewhat pessimistic about the treatment we may expect."

He told the airline delegates from 40 countries that air traffic figures for last year showed an increase of 14 per cent in passenger traffic, of eight per cent in cargo traffic and 18 per cent in mail traffic. He said 59 million passengers were carried.

Net Profit

He said the net operating profits of scheduled airlines was only about three per cent, and the profit margin of purely international operations was less.

"It becomes self-evident that we must look to government aid to help us out in one way or another," he declared.

But he said that the \$30 million (£10,714,000) subsidy paid to American airlines was only two-thirds of the American subsidy price support for the total capital cost of London airport was 10 per cent of the subsidies to British agriculture in one year, and he said, the existence of the airport made it possible for 340,000 tourists to come to Britain by air last year.

Mr. Juan Trippe, President of Pan American World Airways, took office as President of IATA, succeeding M. Max Hymans, President of Air France.—China Mail Special.

FLIGHTY

Capetown, Oct. 17. A homing pigeon returned to its loft after being missing five days after a race. It carried a message: "Teach this dumb bird of yours to keep its direction."—China Mail Special.

McCarran Act Challenged

Washington, Oct. 17. The Supreme Court today agreed to allow a group of 360 prominent Americans to file a brief attacking the constitutionality of the 1950 Subversive Control Act.

The court gave no reason for its action. The group actually had already filed the brief but had to go through the formality of asking the court's permission.

The court will hear arguments soon on the Communist Party's challenge to the law. The statute, also known as the McCarran Act, is the first cracking down on the party as a whole rather than on individual members.

The group of citizens, including Sen. Pat McNamara, asserted in their brief that the law is "the most terrible threat so far devised to freedom of America."

Never Before

Besides Sen. McNamara, noted clergymen, scientists, authors and professors were among the signers of the brief.

"Never before in our history has freedom of dissent fallen into such low estate nor the possibility that government of, by and for the people may pass from the American scene been more real," they said.

The law requires the Communist Party to register as a foreign-controlled organization, list its membership and finances and submit to other restrictions.—United Press.

Arms Deal

US DENIES EGYPTIAN CLAIMS

Tripoli, Oct. 17. The United States information Service today denied claims by Egypt that the United States, in its 1952 agreement to supply her with arms, attached political considerations to the offer.

A statement, published in local newspapers today, said the sole reason for delay in the arms delivery programme was due to disturbances in the Canal Zone and added last year Egypt told the United States she did not wish further military aid.

The statement also denied that the Western powers had supplied arms to Israel for any purpose beyond her legitimate defence needs, and drew attention to arms purchase agreements concluded between the United States Government and Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the Lebanon, and to the fact that no United States-Israel military aid agreement exists.—Reuter.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ACCORD

Encouragement For Sterling Area

London, Oct. 17. Japan has told Britain she intends to eliminate all regulations tending to encourage imports from non-sterling sources in preference to sterling area sources except for certain limited provisions affecting a number of commodities imported from Indonesia.

The British Board of Trade stated this announcing the conclusion in Tokyo of new trade and payments arrangements between Japan and the sterling area of which Britain is the banker.

The announcement said that the two countries had agreed to extend for 11 months from October 31 in its existing form, the payments agreement between them.

The new agreement, in Tokyo, have also agreed upon new trade arrangements, including new import quotas, and the treatment of invisibles which will apply between Japan on the one hand and the United Kingdom and its dependent territories on the other hand.

It was therefore necessary in order to maintain trade at a high level to give Japan greater opportunities to earn sterling.

This was done by informing the British colonies that they were free to import from Japan up to their stated requirements and by granting additional import quotas into the United Kingdom.

I saw the light that as a result of these measures Japan's trade with the sterling area would roughly balance at a level of rather more than £200,000,000 each way. In fact the Japanese did much better than the British expected.

Mr. Sydney Gannell, Head of Financial Editor, London Treasury and Board of Trade officials estimated tonight that today's Anglo-Japanese agreement would enlarge Japan's sterling trade by about 10 per cent or £25,000,000 in each direction.

£3m More

They reckoned that UK exports to Japan might be about £3,000,000 more than they would have been without the agreement.

Japan has granted an import quota for £200,000 of high quality cotton textiles from Britain. As Japan is the world's biggest and most competitive exporter of cotton textiles this is a new variant of the quota which will be used to decide whether the Japanese market requires these particular textiles.

The UK's import quota for cotton and rayon grey cloth for processing and re-export remains at £3,000,000 a year.

The Whitehall officials said Britain's main object in the negotiations was to secure that Japan would accept the balance of her sterling trade by providing increased facilities and by removing discrimination against sterling area imports.

They said Britain had been worried not so much about the size and growth of Japan's sterling balance as by Japan's measures of restriction on opportunities for fair competition.

In today's agreement the Japanese Government had stated that it intended to remove all anti-sterling discriminations except for certain limited preferences on some Japanese imports from Indonesia.

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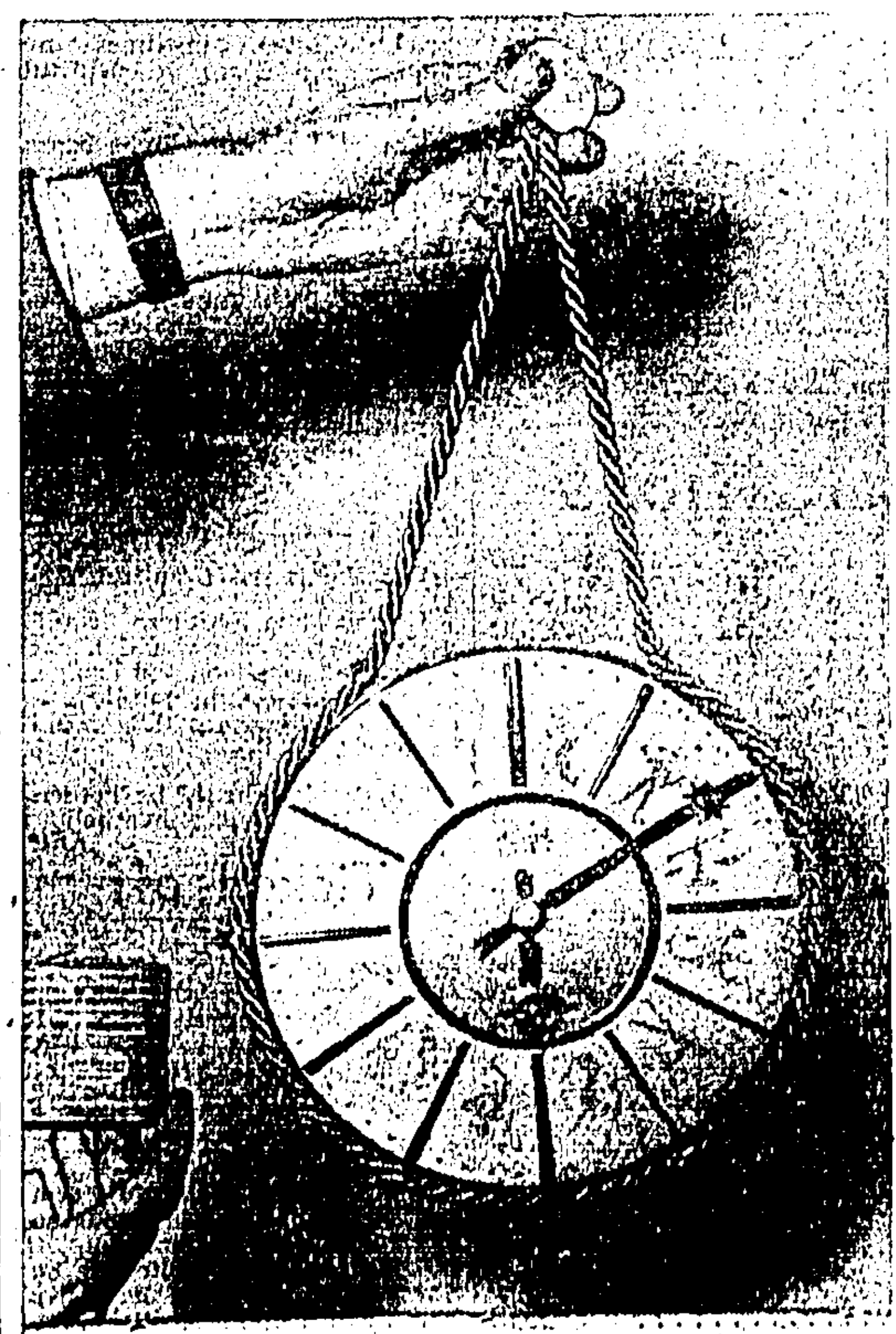
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Runs On A Torch Battery



This German Klenke clock will run for 400 days operated by an ordinary flashlight battery. It is a star exhibit at the International Watch and Jewellery Trade Fair, which was held last month at the Royal Albert Hall, London. It was the first exhibition of its kind ever to be held in Britain.—London Express Photo.

New Oil Basis

Oil had been put on a 'new basis' in future Japanese imports would be free to decide where to spend their import allocations—in sterling or in dollars according to which was more competitive.

This should give British oil companies a chance to maintain and expand their market in Japan.

In general the Japanese Government had explained that it was not their idea to go on accumulating sterling. Instead they would provide facilities particularly in their foreign exchange budget for the sterling area to earn back the sterling that Japan earns.—Reuter.

Tourists In Germany

Essen, Oct. 17. West Germany is once again rapidly becoming a "tourists' paradise," Dr. Fritz Scholz, President of the German Tourist Centre, said.

More than 2,700,000 foreigners visited Germany in the first half of this year, compared with 2,300,000 in the first six months of last year, he said. Foreign currency spent by them this year was 354,200,000 marks (nearly £30 million sterling), more than a quarter above the sum spent in the same period last year.—China Mail Special.

What's best in
Kowloon?

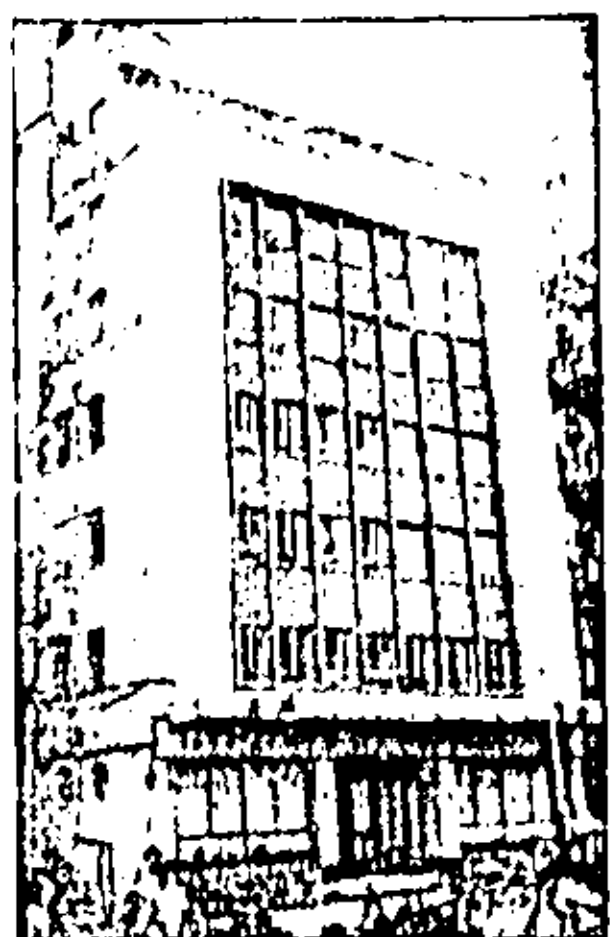


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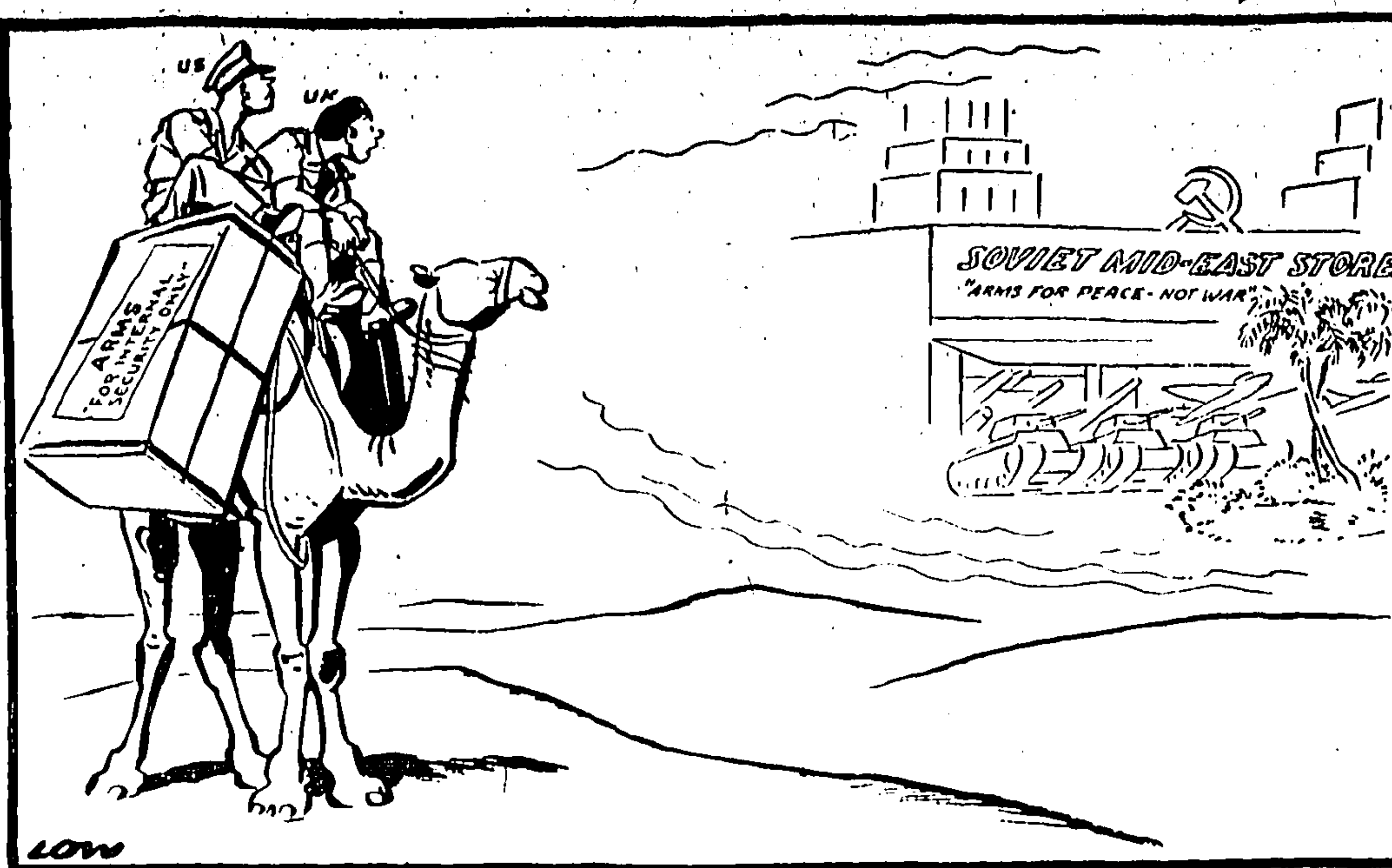
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"MAYBE IT'S JUST A MIRAGE..."

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OFF-STAGE STAR —that is what I will not be

EVERY so often the world decides to elect a goddess. It is as though we were tired of the ugliness and inconsistency of the human race and wanted to feel at least one of our number is lifted above it all.

We allow her no faults. She is superb, divine. And usually she is an actress.

This week London elected Edwige Feuilleire its goddess. The performances she is giving now will be recounted with the same nostalgic gleam as the performances of Sarah Bernhardt are recalled by those determined to prove, as we surely will, too, that they saw a goddess.

And what is Edwige Feuilleire really like?

Poised, groomed

ON the stage she gives an impression of great beauty. Yet she will say frankly in the cold morning light of her hotel suite: "I know perfectly well I am not a beautiful woman. But I am proud to give sometimes the feeling that I am a beautiful woman."

The cold morning light bears her out. She is a well-preserved woman, a poised woman. Her grooming, from the small, pale freckled hands that lift moth-like from her lap to the neat swirls of pale Auburn hair, is beyond reproach. She even has the air of a charming hamster with a nut stored in either cheek. Her eyes which seem so expressive on the stage are simply nice brown eyes that signal an appeal: "Do not judge me now. It is on the stage I should be judged."

But she is not beautiful. If Madame Feuilleire could have her way she would never be seen—except on the stage. Her appearance in public are few and she wishes they could be fewer.

"An actress should be known only on the stage," is her belief.

Ticked off

MADAME Feuilleire keeps her pedestal very well but only by constantly fighting the demands of a world that is used to its actresses living, loving and suffering in full public view.

She will not be a "star." It is her least favourite word. "Too big, too cold and too star," was her summing-up of the large, modern suite in the Savoy; promptly she had her bags hustled into a small Rocco room with a bed in the corner and hardly enough space for all her flowers.

When she was begged to look "very star-like" for a party at the French Embassy after the opening of "La Dame aux

Camellias" she regretfully agreed. She wore a gown that was a molten mass of gold sequins, close-fitting as thread on a reel. But nobody saw it. She covered it with a red evening coat which she refused to take off all evening.

She went part-way to fulfilling the public demand that she should be "glamorous," but

there, without telephone or electricity, Madame Feuilleire spends her Augusts. "Fishing, reading, sleeping and cooking."

"I love silence. In silence you can imagine anything." But now, far away from the silence, she has London at her feet. Around her are the tributes. The masses of flowers and the

licked it off for its vulgar interest at the same time.

"I try to give the best of myself in the parts I play. That is what I want people to see and remember, not the gown I wore afterwards."

Since such perfect behaviour is beyond her public, Mme. Feuilleire maintains an irreproachable front herself.

Her marriage to Pierre Feuilleire, a fellow-student at the Paris Conservatoire, ended in divorce many years ago and there were no children. Since when, if there have been rumours of her name being "linked," they have been very small rumours and have not reached the outside world. "Whom I love and when I love should not be of interest. It must be hidden."

Escape

SHE is by nature a recluse, a contemplative.

"It is for me a necessity to keep something of myself for myself," she explains softly. "To sometimes walk alone for hours. To sit alone. To sleep a very long time."

Her admirers complain that she keeps most of herself to herself.

"She will say that she has 'very few' friends.

For holidays she likes to escape to a small island off the coast of Norway. It is lent to her by Norwegian friends and

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—Edwige Feuilleire in the dress she was persuaded to wear. But then it was not seen.

riotous basket of yellow and pink roses in spun sugar that is the tribute of the chef of the hotel's grill-room plus three dishes on the menu in her honour.

How does she feel to have conquered London?

"I am not proud. I am moved by it. It is so difficult to join with an audience when you don't speak the same language," she explains, stumbling a little over her English.

"There is a quality of human warmth. The English are supposed to be cold. They are a most passionate people.

"If you can touch 50 percent of an audience it is very good. Sixty to 70 percent, it is a miracle."

★ WHY NOT A CLOSED SHOP FOR AMBASSADORS?

By IAN COLVIN

Minister to Laos, he was being given one of those appointments which carry no plums.

But he had not long been British Minister in Laos before the Laotian Foreign Minister began to press for both countries to raise their legations to embassies.

And nowadays when a tiny Power demands enhanced status for its representative at the Court of St. James's, the Foreign Office always jumps smartly to obey—and another British envoy becomes an ambassador too.

In 1942 there were 17 British ambassadors compared with 35 Heads of Mission who were Ministers.

Now there are 62 ambassadors and only 17 Ministers.

Why is Laos honoured? Simply because the neighbouring States of Vietnam and Cambodia had exchanged ambassadors with Britain and Laos was getting sensitive.

There is no other reason for a change. A consulate would go for Laos. It is a country of only 2,000,000 inhabitants.

Its trade with Britain in the past two years has totalled no more than £23,000—much less than the cost of an embassy.

But the Laotian Ambassador will take high precedence. He will enjoy all the privileges that set ambassadors

Those Poor Little Shuttlecocks!

YOU CAN'T FOOL THEM
WITH A TEDDY BEAR

—by—
MARGARET SHIPLEY

AMONG the happily-playing kids in the Bois de Boulogne, Paris, a pin-new Rolls-Royce bowed sedately along.

It contained an old gentleman and a beautiful lady. Between them gleefully rode a very small girl with a huge teddy bear and a bewildered expression.

Presently the car stopped and the 78-year-old Aga Khan climbed out, to be photographed with his Begum and his five-year-old grand-daughter, Yasmin.

He smiled genially at the cameras, but on the serious face of the little girl the half-questioning look did not waver. No! The Princess Yasmin, daughter of Prince Aly Khan and the woman best known to most of the world as Rita Hayworth, must be fairly used to larger-than-life toys and fancy motor-cars. No particular awe at her immediate surroundings was to be expected.

To probe the reason for this unusual solemnity—the kind one doesn't care to see for long on so young a face—you must bear certain facts in mind.

£30,000 bond

YOU must remember that for most of the year Yasmin lives with her mother, her half-sister and a young man who is not the father of either of them. You must remember, as no doubt most of the world does, that three and a half years ago her mother secured a divorce from her father, with the proviso that Yasmin should spend six weeks of every year with Prince Aly Khan.

No wonder the aging and ailing Aga Khan is eager to make the most of the few weeks for which he can see his favourite grandchild!

So on the day before her sad little appearance in the corner of Paris where the children play, Yasmin was handed over by her mother to her father who, in return for a £30,000 bond, will have custody of her for the next six weeks.

Thirty pieces of Treasury paper! Consider that fact, you parents of five-year-olds. Would you turn over YOUR child every so often—a poor little pawn redeemable with a bankworthy bond?

Yet that in effect is what we as a society are doing, by our unswerving acceptance of this relatively new conception of the children of a divorcee. We are pushed around like pieces of portable property.

Pushed around

THAT is the Princess Yasmin's situation. She cannot know the technicalities of it, but the basic fact of being pushed around—accounts in full measure for the half-bewildered solemnity of Yasmin and all the Yasmins of our time.

She arrived in Paris after a much-publicised voyage and amid strange surroundings and unfamiliar faces she was removed from her mother and passed over to a whole lot more unfamiliar faces.

Teddy bears and nylon-dressed dolls and dolls' prams as big as herself were the sop—but my guess is that a five-year-old can't really be fooled that way.

Anyway, at five the bedrock drops from your life the minute your mother is out of sight—unless she has a phenomenally successful permanent, substitute.

There is Yasmin; her half-sister, Rebecca, daughter of actor Orson Welles, stays with her mother for the time being. At another season of the year

above the law. And his cook, if properly registered, will also be immune from writ or arrest.

And Lord Talbot—what will he get out of this? No! In addition to his salary and tax-free allowances, but his salute of guns will go up from 17 to 19.

And he may take his entire wine cellar home from his last post duty-free and at the public expense.

But is the prestige and welfare of Britain really served by this creeping rash of ambassadorship? And there are Treasury jobs from time to time that mean full re-employment. But the openings are not enough.

So I urge on our ambassadors a step in everyone's interest. It would prevent too many retired ambassadors from having to chase too few jobs. And it would prevent the golden title of British Ambassador from being further devalued abroad.

What is this step? I advise them to set up a closed shop.

she is likely to be galloping across the world to see her father, though perhaps with less ballyhoo.

Recently another young family, the boy and girl of the marriage of Stewart Granger and Elspeth March, left mother and home to spend a year with their father and his new young wife.

Perhaps these two are happier than most such children in that all possible efforts have been made to keep them on an even keel. Certainly they seemed gay enough when they sailed; also certainly they have been spared the accustomed wrangling concerning their futures.

Angry scenes

BUT watch in pictures, as I often have to watch in fact the faces of similar unhappy little shuttlecocks. Their features are the half-formed flowers of childhood, but their expressions too often denote thorny misery and storm-damaged temperaments.

Inside the divorce court the parents fight out their divorce case and custody rights.

Outside, in a stone-flagged passage, a child slumps angrily on a bench—hating his surroundings, growling at anyone who comes near him. Ignorant of what it's about, knowing keenly that the secure tenor of his way through life has suddenly become perilous with angry scenes. Aware of the fierce desire of both parents to keep him to the exclusion of the other, loving both yet resenting what they are doing to him.

What wonder if the young mind, pulled apart between them and tender for all its toughness, builds its own barricades against the onslaught, resulting in who knows what mental reaction in after years?

A week ago the Bishop of Durham publicly deplored the inordinate inflation of divorce figures in our time. In 1910, he observed, the national count showed under 600 couples legally put asunder. In 1953 there were 30,000.

Torn families

A FIFTY-FOLD increase in the split marriages means at the most conservative estimate a thirty-fold increase in split and torn young families, with an immeasurable toll in the minds and personalities of the children involved.

What then? Preserve an unhappy marriage at all costs, letting the children suffer from a quarrel-rent home?

Experience differs on what the outcome will be, but remember that the child relieved of the nerve-rack of a quarrel-some home should not immediately be loaded with the substitute burden of split custody, to be passed about like a suitcase between one parent and the other.

Agony of mind

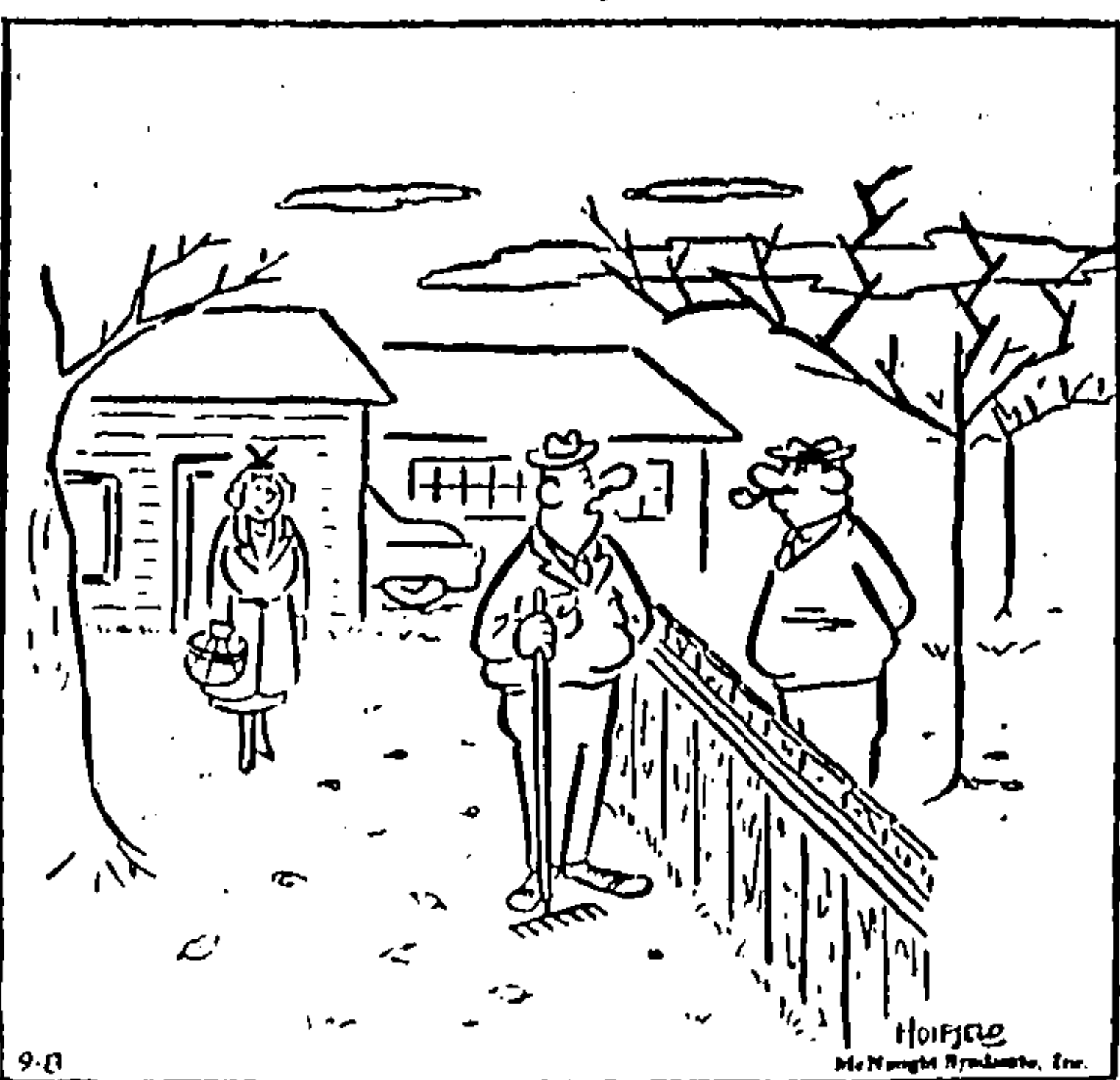
THREE months ago a Commissioner in a South Wales court had this to say, about Sally, aged six, when awarding her against his wife.

"She is a nice, bright-eyed, intelligent little girl," said Mr. Commissioner Temple Morris, "but I see a change in her since she first came here. I think this child has had enough to put up with. She is harassed and worried by constant litigation."

"A child's face, expression, eyes and skin cannot lie. This child is worried and she must not be made the target of conflicting loyalties between mother and father."

The learned Commissioner was next talking of a ten-year-old; he was talking of a six-year-old. Thanks be to heaven for his wisdom, and that of his like, for who can measure the agony of mind of a troubled child?

This Funny World



"He gets nineteen miles per gallon and fifty miles per ticket!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

BORN today you are a person of great ability and like to promote them. You will never be one to stay in the well-travelled road but will want to explore the lesser-known highways and byways of life. You are so much the individual that you are not always easy to know. Yet there is no one more healthily and once the tests of friendship have been passed and passed.

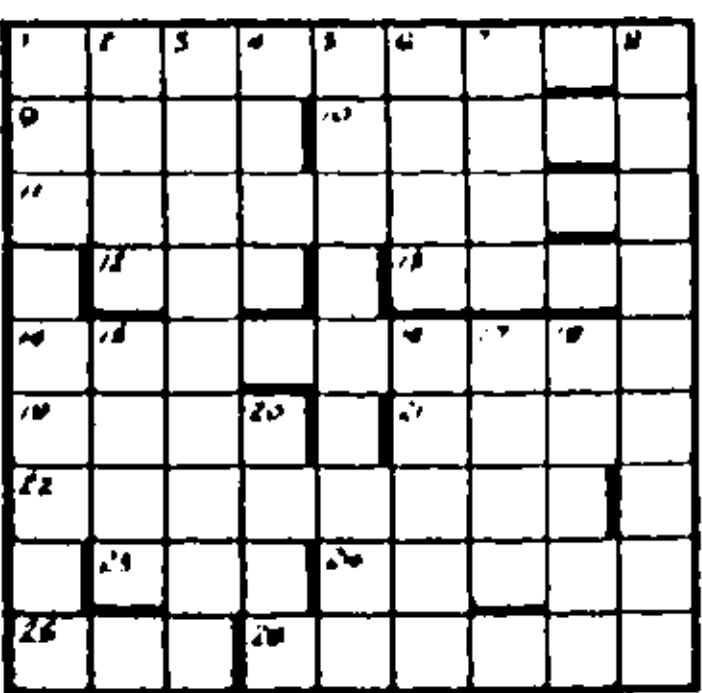
It could be said that you are "bookish" and it is likely that you will have considerable talent with the written word. You are fond of delving into strange facts and have the ability to dramatize everything with which you come in contact. You do not give much credit to "luck" or fate, for you believe that a man makes his own fate by his own deeds. Actually the stars in-

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Four ambitions can seem if you will discuss your plans and ambitions with someone who has similar interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Stay clear of those who may be competing about you. Truth will out and so don't let it bother you at all.

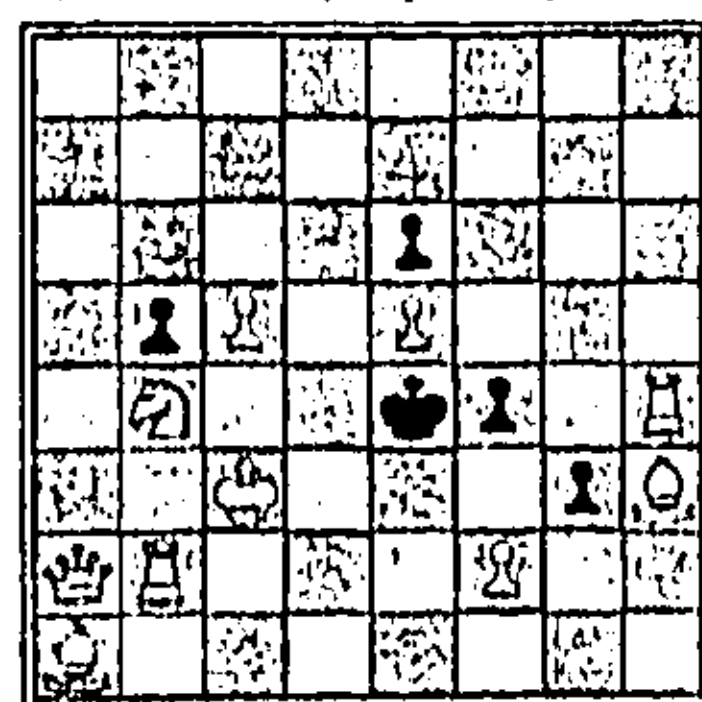
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- Across
- "Such men are —" for the theatre. (9)
 - The title in Eastern. (4)
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 - The tension may be overstrained in this. (9)
 - "Little man, what —" (3)
 - Most of the eland what? (4)
 - Made up—nothing to do with cosmetics. (9)
 - Respected. (4)
 - Love foolishly. (4)
 - Toni's in the pub. (8)
 - This is one of the round. (10)
 - A call to an Australian. (5)
 - Select men are dubbed this. (11)
 - Trooper goes round. (10)

- Down
- Come back in pattern of daria. (10)
 - So he is. (4)
 - Love timer (anag.). (10)
 - Mary Quite Contrary knew how the garden did this. (14)
 - You can't last if you haven't got this. (9)
 - Describe Ben Jonson. (6)
 - Just the shape for cricket. (4)
 - Redden Sal. for the mix-up. (10)
 - Get rid of. (4)
 - "Two —" with but a single dot. (6)
 - Scatter of. (10)
 - Wet. (4)
 - It's a knock-out. (10)
 - An active man. (4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. RUONALA
Black, 5 pieces.

White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1, Kt-B5; any; 2, Q, B, or Kt (ch), or dis. ch. mate.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Peculiar Bid Deceives Foes

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand, played by Billy Rosen last year in the national team championship in Chicago, led to some very strange bidding. To begin with, North should have passed the opening bid of one heart instead of raising. But when North did raise, Rosen made the peculiar rebid of two spades as a combination slam-try and deceptive bid.

North didn't encourage slam ambitions, but the peculiar bid did deceive West in the auction and East in the play. West doubled the final bid of four hearts in the expectation of taking spade tricks as well as trumps. East's troubles came later.

Rosen won the first trick with the ace of diamonds, took the ace of hearts and led a low

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heart. West played low, and dummy won with the eight of hearts.

Declarer returned a diamond from the dummy, whereupon East took the king and led a third diamond. South ruffed and led a fourth round of trumps, reducing the hand to no-trump.

While all of this was going on, poor East was obliged to make four discards on the four rounds of trumps. The bidding had given him the impression that his spades were important, so he discarded two safe diamonds and two very unsafe clubs. These club discards enabled Rosen to run four club tricks, so that he lost only one spade, one heart, and one diamond, thus making his doubled contract.

CARD Sense

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart 2 Clubs ?
2♠ 3♥ 3♠ 4♠
What do you do?
A—Did two hearts. Despite the worthless distribution you cannot afford to pass a 10-point hand with four trumps.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 7 5 3 2 ♠ A Q 8 6 4 3
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A recent meeting of a century inspectors a speaker said that it may be necessary to use Geiger counters for canned fish in order to detect what one might call minor imperfections.

A streamlined Geiger counter with a gold or platinum head would certainly distinguish the quality of a party and would be some protection against the kind of tinned fish which is found in the can. The speaker also referred to foreign bodies in food, such as "balls, bandages, cigarette ends and glass," but there are risks which every gourmet is prepared to run. When a customer in a restaurant complained that he had found three tomatoes, an overcast button, and a doll's nose in his apple-pie, the waitress replied laughingly: "You must have brought them with you," or the King said to Donatello when he complained of being bitten by them.

The union's dilemma

THE Musicians' Union can ban an American singer. A difficulty has therefore arisen for the American singer who has arrived here to sing through a bureau. In the new era, and is called Musicians' Union must now decide whether he is singing or playing the piano. Since the union has a "code" which says "no-sing, no-play," they might be caught in a huge dilemma.

Another 'romance'

I HOPE that everyone who is mad on breaking records read the story of an American lady who was divorced on the other day. The settlement, she said, was as big as those of six of the previous wives combined. She then gave the figures for the next six wives, and said: "I am not sure which wife got it." Since she was the ninth wife, one would imagine that she would be given some of the most important of the world's

TARGET

HOW many words can you make from the letters in the square on the right? Each word must contain the letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one more letter in the word. No plural or foreign words, no proper names. PUNYARD: 7 words; good; 40 words; very good; 48 words; excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

BEAUTIFUL left jolly fall tale. The word "beautiful" is the only word that can be made from the letters in the square on the right. Each word must contain the letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one more letter in the word. No plural or foreign words, no proper names. PUNYARD: 7 words; good; 40 words; very good; 48 words; excellent. Solution tomorrow.

WOMANSENSE

Tailored Three-piece



"Mercur", by Jacques Heim, is a tailored three-piece ensemble in black and sapphire coloured herring-bone wool.—Agence France-Presse.

Pink Light Bulbs Add New Radiance To Complexions

New York. The electric light bulb is competing with candlelight as a glamouriser.

At least two appliance manufacturers — answering the feminine demand for softer lighting for the home — are out with bulbs which cast a flattering pink glow. One manufacturer says its bulb, coated with permanent

pink enamel, will "give a new radiance to complexions, enrich warm colours in fabrics, pictures and foods, add lustre to polished furniture, soften shadows and reduce glare."

Another manufacturer said it came out with the softer light after extensive field tests which showed women didn't care so much about bulb wattage as what the light did for their looks and their homes.—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

King Nep Has A Party

—The Shadows Hear The Biggest Fish Stories—

By MAX TRELL

It was a mizzly-drizzly morning. The sidewalks were wet. The trees were dripping. No one seemed to be enjoying the weather at all, except the ducks and the umbrellas.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with their heads about names, were watching the raindrops race one another down the windowpane when all of a sudden the telephone rang.

"It was a private telephone. It wasn't the telephone that everybody else in the house used. It was hidden behind the bookshelf. Hanid knew where it was. She answered it. Knarf stood beside her.

"Hello! Oh, it's you, King Nep! We haven't heard from you for such a long time! But it isn't a lovely day! It's an awful day!... Oh, I see, what you mean. Yes, we'll be right down. Goodbye!"

At the Brook

Hanid hung up the receiver. She explained to her brother, Knarf: "King Nep says that all the fish down at the brook have come out of the water. He invited us down to see them!"

A few minutes later, Knarf and Hanid, dressed in their raincoats, were sloshing down the path to the edge of the brook at the spot where the old willow leaned over the bank. It was here that they came on Little King Nep!

Little King Nep (long ago folks knew him as Neptune, Ruler of the Seven Seas) was sitting under the willow, surrounded by the strangest company that Knarf and Hanid had ever seen.

It was all because of the mizzly-drizzly weather. All the fish from all the brooks and all the ponds and all the rivers had swum up out of the water to pay their friend King Nep a visit.

Sitting right in front of him were a score of minnows eating water-cress sandwiches.

He Played A Fiddle

Behind the minnows sat three crabs. One of them played a fiddle. A second one played a fiddle. The third one beat a drum, made out of an old fishing tin.

There was a big, old sunfish, smoking a pipe.

There were a dozen rainbow trout, all walking around on their tails, showing off their fine colours.

Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure—2



Mrs. Bear and Rupert settle into their rooms on their first evening and next day they climb to a point from which they can see the whole sweep of the bay and the busy little port below them. "There doesn't seem to be much sand to play in," says Mrs. Bear.

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1955/56 HATS HAVE THE SOLID LOOK

London. HATS this winter are the antithesis of all that we have been wearing for several years.

First and foremost, like the silhouette, they have a dominant Eastern flavour, drawing inspiration from the whole of the East indiscriminately: the turban, the fez, the Cosack cap and the chechia, the coolie hat and the head-dress of the insubstantial. Buddhas enthroned in their temples—all will be there, on our heads, as 1955 merges into 1956.

Alongside these, is our own atomic age, represented by Ronald Paterson's "flying saucer"—two large flat circles held together at the centre back like a hot-plate and worn quite straight and well over the eyes, as fashion decrees this winter.

One of these hats, in black, is trimmed with the season's popular black South West African Persian lamb round the rim of each circle. Another is in Mr. Paterson's "colour of the season", baby blue, while a third, worn with a beige and wool cocktail two-piece, is in black again, held together with a frill of beige net.

When first seen, these original hats drew gasps of amazement from the audience. But everyone agreed that they are smart as well as unusual.

In contrast to the long, slim winter silhouette, hats, whether close fitting or wide brimmed, feature the "solid look". This is stressed by the fact that they are worn dead straight and trimmed with fur or a long-haired fabric.

M. Erik, one of London's leading milliners who designs most of his hats from a Paris studio or his villa overlooking the Mediterranean in the south of France, summed it up for me like this:

STRAIGHT, FORWARD

"Hats sit straight and forward over the eyes this winter. They are thick and bulky to counterbalance the long, slim silhouette. No more hat with a whimsical bit of feather or fur flowers, but something solid, and if there is a brim, it is filled with fur or long-haired melusine (mouffon) soft as swansdown."

But M. Erik, who sells hats to smart women not only in London but also in Paris, Copenhagen, Australia and many other parts of the British Commonwealth, knows that it is too much to ask women to accept so radical a change overnight.

So, because women have not yet got used to the idea of these straight hats descending towards the eyes, many of M. Erik's newest models can sit on the back of the head just as well.

"Women," he explained, "can then begin by wearing them to the back and gradually tip them forward as they get used to the new fashion."

In general, M. Erik's basic shape this season is a round "bonnet" very much resembling those sailor hats with stiff out-standing brims which were considered the correct wear for every self-respecting girl's school in the first quarter of this century. The brim varies in width and is usually filled with a crown-high band of contrasting or toning—black and white, or tan and beige—fur, swansdown or mouffon.

A variation is an upturned brim. A model in royal blue—one of M. Erik's two "colours of the season", the other being, of course, his favourite green—has the brim rolled up to enclose four smart black spray pom-poms set at the four points of the compass.

DIFFERENT MOODS

Another original model features coat feathers. The hat is a simple black Breton cap with a rolled brim covered with these coat feathers—tightly curled. A Breton cap in a light tan velvet has a roll brim covered with feather medallions spreading from a scarlet base through green to a brown and beige fringe effect.

One of his most chic "go any-where" hats, worn with anything, models features a black Cosack cap with a wide band of mouffon across the front, while for early autumn there is a turban in black and black and brown plaid teamed with a matching shoulder stole. The stole is shaped and provided with clasps and designed to give warmth just where it is needed most—across the back between the shoulders.

In the same mood, a peach-bloom velvet is swathed in a long wide end to serve as a scarf or a decorative stole.

A bird soaring upwards in flight on the front of a green melusine cloche sets another mood, while a large silver fox pom-pom falling straight over the eyes from a black cap is strongly reminiscent of the hats worn by Lapp men. And for those who admire the sentries on duty at Buckingham Palace or the Horseguards in London, there is an unmistakable bear-skin—in black osprey.

The oriental look is featured even more strongly by Madame Copeland, the French woman who makes hats for the Queen, Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Kent, and other members of the Royal family.

In her new winter collection, there are pagodas, in centre or black melusine, coolie hats in white swansdown, or rose pink panne, extremely Eastern looking turbans in anything from a paisley cotton for the country to

gold lame for the evening and fez in all sorts of materials—including golden pheasant feathers.

A Cosack cap in heavier melusine is fastened up the back with gilt clips, while white long-haired melusine and black astrakhan make two very smart chechias.

GREATNESS MUST HAVE BEEN BORN IN YOUNG JOHN SURTEES

Greatness can be achieved, or, it can be born in men. It must have been born in young John Surtees, the 21-year-old London racing motorcyclist, who twice crushed World Champion Geoff Duke a fortnight ago.

John was born with a spanner in his hand. He breathed petrol fumes as a baby, when his play-pen was the pit at his father's race meetings. At 15, before he was old enough to hold a road licence, young John was a passenger in his father's racing sidecar.

At 17 he went grass-track racing, came second in a race at Thurston, finished sixth in his first classic—the Ulster Grand Prix.

Now, at 21, he is strongly tipped as the successor to Geoff Duke, as the man most likely to keep the World Championship in Britain.

Surtees beat Duke at Silverstone on July 30. He did it again, even more decisively at Brands Hatch twenty-four hours later.

Yes, it was a glorious victory for Surtees—and for the British Norton he rode.

SAD WEEK-END

And it was a sad week-end for the 32-year-old Iron Duke—and his sleek Italian Gilera.

But all modest John would say was: "Sometimes your bike goes faster than any other—and you just keep going."

Never before had two riders met in such circumstances.

Their battle for supremacy had begun the previous week-end at Aintree where each won one race. But after his Silverstone triumph Surtees led 2-1.

Duke faced the chance of pulling up to 2-2, or seeing his young rival streak into a 3-1 lead. And Surtees hadn't been beaten on the Brands Hatch track for three years.

Soften the blow for Duke by drawing attention to the draw which gave Duke a back place on the grid, a front spot for Surtees. Hint that Duke was not prepared to take any risks with no Championship at stake.

But you could not deny the skill of John Surtees, who on his way to victory smashed both lap and race records, with an average speed of 72.62 mph.

This was no flash in the pan for Surtees. He has been improving steadily over the years. Neither was he a stranger to Duke. Only last May when Duke pulled a scraped bone by a few seconds in the 500 cc Silverstone championship, the champion had to put on a record-breaking lap of 61.64 mph.

And at Aintree the previous Duke beat a superb record of 71.14 mph.

That boy gave me one of the toughest races in my life.

NOT SURPRISING

It is not altogether surprising, therefore, when one discovers that John is holder of the Auto

Cycle Union's Pinhard Prize for the finest achievement in the field of motor cycling as a rider under 21; that Mum is an expert motor cyclist in addition to Dad's racing; and that younger brother Norman, has started competing in hill scrambles.

Mum, Dad, and the family are always in the pits on racing days. John tunes his own machines until just before the start. Then his father takes over.

What are John's chief characteristics as a rider. He is a "rev-counter" watcher. In case you didn't know, that is the opposite to a "wrecker" or a "scratcher". John watches the rev-counter to make sure he is not overtaxing his engine.

A "wrecker" is a rider who drives his machine too hard. A "scratcher" is a man who takes the risks and expects too much of his machine.

On the road John drives his own sports car—never a motor cycle. Road riding, he says, has a completely different technique from racing.

You cannot learn racing on the road; the saddle position is different; so is the line you take on each corner.

John is afraid that road-racing would spoil his racing technique.

Has he a pet hate where motor-cycling is concerned? Most certainly he has. It is to see boys belting down the road at high speed in a racing position regardless of side-turnings and other traffic.

It makes me shudder," says John. And what ambitious plans has Surtees for the coming winter? Modest John will return to his first love—scrambling, with his local pals.

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RUSSIAN MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION



The Russian European Middleweight Champion, Gennadi Smatkov, training at Blooms Gymnasium for his fight against Bruce Wells in the Soviet Union v. Britain amateur boxing match at the Empire Pool Arena on October 12. He lost on points.—Central Press Photo.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.....

Sport Is Given Top Priority In The Soviet Union

Says TERENCE O'CONNOR

Forget the pleasurable attitude towards Sport that the peoples of most countries in the Free World enjoy. It will not help you to understand what I have seen so clearly—the revolution in Sport which is taking place with terrifying effect behind the Iron Curtain.

You and I still think of Sport as a means of recreation; and children at school in the Free World do not play games or take exercise because the State considers they might be potential World Champions.

These are fundamental differences which must be understood before attempting to comprehend what is happening in Eastern Europe.

Sport is given top priority in the Soviet Union for three reasons:

(1)—If Russia can provide more Olympic Champions than the USA or any other country, it is believed the world will become impressed by the Communist way of life. The Russians consider, like some other countries, that the Olympic Games are the World Sports Championships and a "shop-window" to "sell" a nation.

(2)—By providing a means of recreation for the masses, it is hoped that the drabness of Communist life will be forgotten. Also, success in Sport is an incentive, for it means an honoured position in the State.

(3)—A nation of workers can produce more in the factories and fields.

MEDICAL TEST

Head of the Soviet gigantic sporting plan is a Minister of Physical Culture. Under this central ministry each sport has its own section concerned with training plans and the provision of State coaches.

Then operations move down to the clubs scattered throughout the seventeen republics of the Soviet Union.

The first steps a young Russian makes towards sporting success begin at school. Sport is compulsory, and from their early days Russian boys and girls are registered, measured and given medical checks.

Now a medical inspection for a sportsman does not consist merely of tests of the heart, lungs and limbs. Pulse-beat, for instance, is examined on a cardiograph. By this means the power of the heart is known apart from the rule.

After years of experimentation, the Soviet masters believe they have found a quick road to discovering the sport for which a man is most suited and has the greatest chance of success.

Just think what this means. At the age of twelve a boy is told he has the potentials needed to make a footballer, runner, swimmer, or ice hockey player. From that moment on, his training is directed in the appropriate fashion.

It is a system of selection used by the Armed Forces in

various countries to find out for what job a man is best suited. Perhaps you are saying that all this is not Sport as we know it? I warned you in the first paragraph.

For the young Russian there is none of the fun of finding out his own particular forte for himself. He is simply told.

Even if such a system were operated in a country outside the Iron Curtain, I feel it would not work because of the independence of the individual.

CONSTANT CHECK

It works with the Russians and their comrades among the satellites because they all believe the State is master, and they do what they are told because they consider it is best.

The use of medicine in Sport is not confined to school children. Throughout the career of an Iron Curtain sportsman a constant check is kept on his physical well-being.

When British athletes were in Moscow recently they were seen by a Russian woman doctor. This was not because the Russians were worried about their health, but because they wanted to compare the visitors with their own athletes.

So British athletes' heart-beats and blood pressures were tabulated beside their times and training.

By this means the Russians hope they will learn something new for their own advancement. Gabriel Korobkov, English-speaking chief athletic coach of the USSR, told me of the tremendous help Soviet doctors and scientists provide in the advancement of sport.

"Often if a coach cannot find the answer to a problem, he seeks the aid of a doctor. We believe an individual gets more out of sport if he does it well, so we stop at nothing to find a means of improvement."

Clubs are the backbone of sport all over the world, and, therefore, it is interesting to study how they operate throughout the Iron Curtain countries.

NO OPEN CLUBS

They have no "open" clubs as we know them, because they are allied to industries, Armed Services, countryside communities or trade unions. For example, the railway workers have their sports clubs throughout the Soviet Republics and deal with every type of activity.

Spartak is famous in Britain and Western Europe as a football club, but it also has sections for swimming, athletics, basketball, etcetera.

By this method of putting them all together, each sport helps the other. For example, football grounds are not built without an athletic track surrounding the pitch. This saves space and the necessity of building another stadium. It is an excellent idea, but would not be possible in countries where sports clubs are completely individual.

While I was in Moscow I tried to discover whether a member of one club could leave and join another club.

I was told it was possible. When I asked for an example, I was informed a case had never arisen.

"But surely an individual might get fed up with one club for various reasons?" I asked. "I have never heard of one of your international sportsmen being fed up and not wishing to represent his country," was the curious reply.

I failed to see the similarity between club and country; but there are many questions about sport behind the Iron Curtain where the answers are evasive, or where questions are simply the shoulders.

(In the next article Terence O'Connor discusses the vexed question as to whether the Russian sportsmen are amateurs, and tells you of the privileges their Champions enjoy.)

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Surprising 3-1 Victory For Hull City

Hull, Oct. 17. Hull City, bottom of the English League Second Division, scored a surprising 3-1 win over the Hungarian Cup holders, Vasas, here tonight in a floodlit soccer match.

The crack Hungarian side had previously beaten the English First Division side Tottenham Hotspurs 2-1 and Second Division Sheffield Wednesday 7-1.—China Mail Special.

KCC RETAIN HANCOCK SHIELD

Archie Zimmern Brightens Up The Game

By "RECORDER"

The Kowloon Cricket Club retained the Hancock Shield yesterday by virtue of a first innings lead of four runs after the match had ended in a draw.

HKCC's second innings carried on at a moderate pace with Ivor Stanton taking a long time to settle down, requiring 19 minutes before finding his first scoring stroke and reaching his 50 in 112 minutes.

Guy Pritchard treated Carnell with less respect, sending the very first ball he faced to the boundary with a straight drive.

Pritchard and Stanton put on 70 for the first wicket and Stanton and Alec Pearce 68 for the sixth.

The innings was carried on to 171 for nine wickets and KCC were left a reasonable two hours and 10 minutes to get 168 runs for victory.

FUNERAL PACE

This task the KCC batsmen embarked on at a funeral pace, this being largely commanded by Stanton who for 21 overs had the home side's batsmen puzzled with his slow off-break.

Forty-two runs were scored in 64 minutes. Guifford holding his end up as Webster, Hart-Baker, Shroff and Coffey went, all more through their own misjudgment rather than through the wiles of the opposition's bowlers.

Shroff, starting confidently enough, was bowled by a Yorker from Stanton which he was trying to make up his mind to pull and Coffey was caught by the same player at extra cover after failing to connect squarely a shoulder-high ball from Stanton.

Guifford and Coffey then settled down and played steadily up to the tea interval, though neither was anywhere near being at his ease against Stanton.

Both lost their wickets quickly after tea. Guifford was caught on the boundary by Salomon after attempting to hit a medium-paced bowler. Blitting-hum through the covers. He had taken an hour over his 17 runs. Fairhall was caught by Pritchard at deep mid-off by Guy Pritchard off Stanton, having contributed seven.

LOOKED UNHAPPY

The situation looked unhappy for KCC, but even the club's scorer, Mrs. Chamberlain, felt confident enough that there was some more batting in the side and she was not completely wrong.

Archie Zimmern, it seemed, intended playing a captain's innings and she began by playing the HKCC bowling more confidently than he did that of the KCC ground staff and a volunteer bowler during the tea interval.

Stanton continued at his end, a shade or two less effective than earlier, and many fingers stayed crossed as Archie proceeded to hit without regard to the safety of the carpet and later impatiently.

His 55 included many a good batting stroke, quite a few well-timed but dangerous strokes at the leather and an occasional stroke that would have looked more in place on a baseball diamond. He did, however, deserve the cheers that greeted him in the pavilion after he had been beautifully caught in the slips by Pearce when he nicked shade late an inswinger from Pritchard. He had brightened the match up considerably.

Chamberlain and Ramage, who were left the darker

minutes of the match, did not put in a bid for a place among the immortals of Hancock Shield history, but contented themselves with an exhibition of how to keep one's wicket alive, against every bowler the HKCC cared to use.

They faced everything but fast and true spin bowling, Ramage even having the not very usual experience of facing a lob bowler, off whom he scored a reasonably timed boundary.

THE SCORES

HKCC 124 (G. H. P. Pritchard 18, C. J. B. Leader 27, T. A. Pearce 17, R. H. Hughes 21 not out, B. C. N. Carnell 4 for 20, J. Shroff 3 for 22) and 171 for 9 declared (G. H. P. Pritchard 52, I. L. Stanton 61, T. A. Pearce 24, B. C. N. Carnell 4 for 33, C. Hull 3 for 62).

KCC 128 (J. Shroff 19, V. Fairhall 43, G. H. P. Pritchard 3 for 29, I. L. Stanton 5 for 60) and 127 for 7 (C. M. Guifford 17, A. Zimmern 55, I. L. Stanton 3 for 45).

OLYMPIC GAMES

Britain Will Not Enter Team For Ice Hockey

London, Oct. 17. Britain will not enter an ice hockey team in the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina, Italy, in January. Main reasons for the withdrawal are expense and the fact that eligible senior players cannot get together for regular training as a team.

Mr. J. F. Hearne, Secretary of the British Ice Hockey Association, said today that as four of Britain's five senior clubs played matches every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, it was a problem which could not be surmounted.

"There is the expense factor, too," he added. The trip would cost £1,700 and perhaps for only two games at the most.—China Mail Special.

Hardcourt Tennis Results

The following were the results of Colony Hardcourt Tennis Championship matches played yesterday at the Chinese Recreation Club:

Schoolboys' Singles
Michael Lo beat Lee Yung-yui 6-1, 6-0; Lu Po-yip beat Malcolm Randall 6-2, 6-2.

Men's Singles
Ip Koon-hung beat Lee King-tun 6-4, 6-4.

Men's Doubles
Ho Cheung-po and Ng Man-cheung beat Tsou Chien-hwa and Ling Hong 6-1, 6-2; Tong Po-ka and Wong Kam-shung beat Wong Nai-sun and S. W. Ho 12-10, 8-0; Leung Shing-shing and Fung Woon beat Li Shing-tong and Ho Shing-hing 6-1, 6-2; Francis Ma and Li Po-yip beat Wong Kuan-chi and D. D. Lee 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

TODAY'S GAMES
5.15 p.m. Men's Singles
N. Lo v. Ng Man-cheung; Michael Lo v. Ling Ching-hung; Ng Po-sun v. Ho Cheung-po.

7 p.m. Men's Doubles
W. P. Tsui & K. K. Choy v. R. C. Willett & J. K. Jenkins; Carlos Quang & David Coffey v. Chung Chow & Tung Ching-kei; Y. J. Khan & Yagub Khan v. Joseph Hui & E. Perrie.

HKFC SOCCER TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Hong-kong Football Club in league soccer matches to-morrow.

First Division v. Kwong Wah at Club Ground, kick-off at 5.30 p.m.: Jones, Armstrong, Bishop, Douglas, Phayer, Bradbury, Tomlinson, Herveot, Martin and Planck.

Second Division v. Tung Wah at Happy Valley, kick-off at 5.45 p.m.: Francis, King, Mackie, Kishin, Beattie, White, McCall, Martin, Wake, Planck, Miller. Reserves: Nabbs and Dyer.

Sports Diary

TODAY

1st Division: Kitchener v. Sing Tao (10.30), Police v. KCMH (10.30), at 5.25 p.m.
2nd Division: Army v. Jardines (11.15), St. Joseph's v. R.A.F. (11.15), at 5.30 p.m.

BOWLS

Ladies' Open Final at KBCC, 4 p.m.

TENNIS

Hardcourt Tennis: Men's Singles and Doubles at C.R.C. 5.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

1st Division: C.A.A. v. South China (11.15), St. Joseph's v. R.A.F. (11.15), Kwong Wah v. Club (11.15), at 5.30 p.m.

2nd Division: Tung Wah v. Club (11.15), Police v. KCMH (11.15), at 5.30 p.m.

Land Forces Motor Cycling Championships at Shek, 8 a.m.

Meeting

ASF and OC meeting, at S.C.M. Post Board room, 5.30 p.m.

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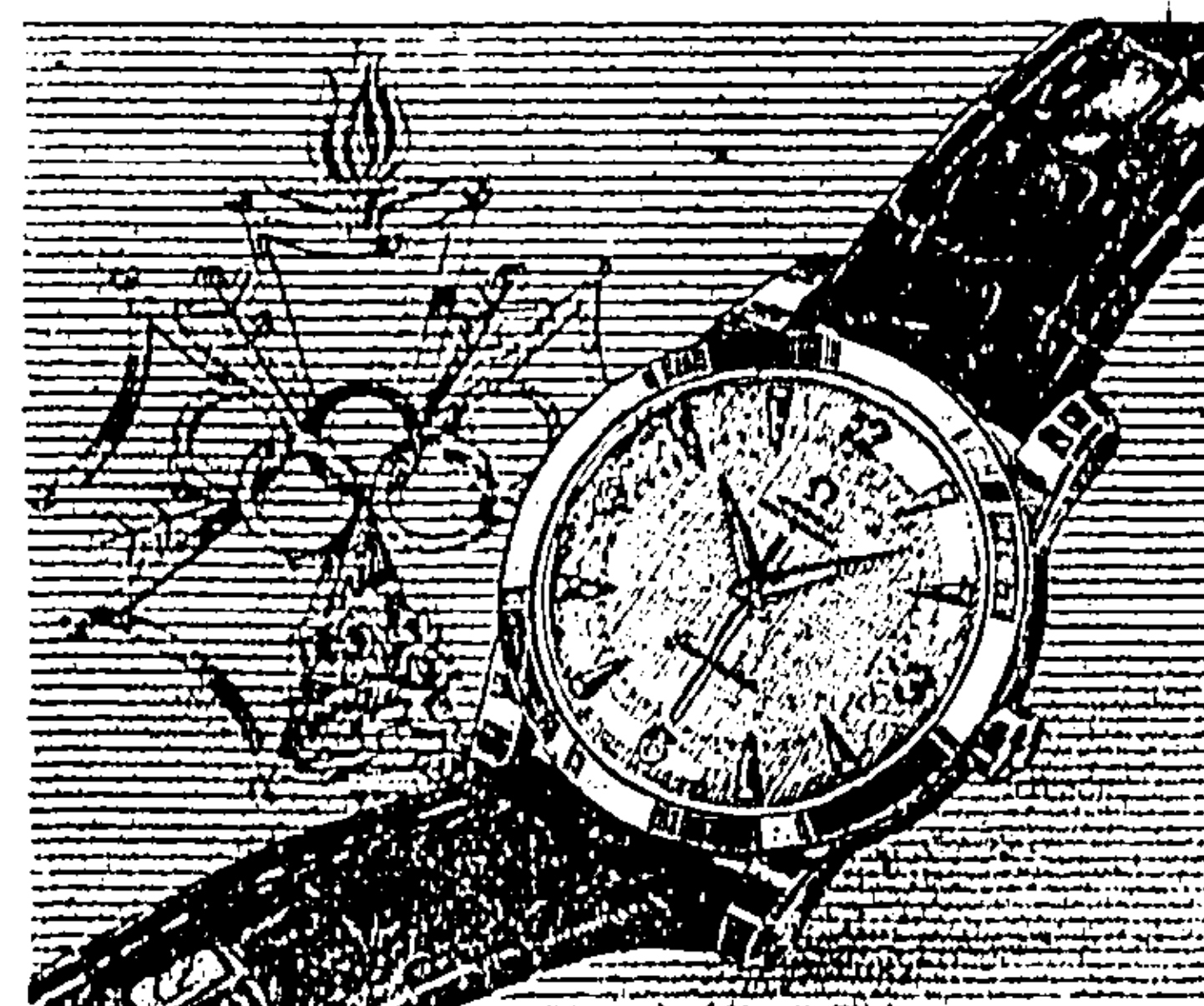
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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

They're Still The Best Of Pals Despite A Backstage Smear

By Sam Leitch and Terence Elliott

Come into the Cottage, Jimmy! Fulham and Jimmy Guthrie, outspoken leader of the Players' Union, are still the best of pals despite a backstage smear that Guthrie had been banned from his "home" club.

Guthrie will always be welcome at the Fulham Club and in their board room. Who says so?

Fulham chairman Mr Charles Dean, who adds: "Guthrie and Fulham have been pals ever since he knocked us out of the Cup."

"We are a honest club. Never vindictive. And politics don't enter it at the Cottage."

"There has never been any ill-feeling between us. Lots of Guthrie's work to get players better conditions is necessary. Somebody must look after them," says Mr Dean.

NO OBJECTION

Watts are almost certain to appoint Walley Barnes, recently transferred from Arsenal to the BBC as a TV Soccer commentator, as their team manager against England on October 22. Barnes would be delighted. So would the BBC. And Mr Milwyn Jenkins, chairman of the Welsh FA selectors, tells me:

"I personally see no objection to Walley carrying on despite leaving Arsenal. He is respected by the players and the selectors."

Crisis at Watford. Deciding support and mediocre team performances caused the club's seven directors to call in manager Ian Goulden, transfer Pat Malloy, and coach Johnny Paton to two hours' straight talking the other night.

Vice-Chairman Jim Harrowell wanted to know: "Why have Watford's League and reserve teams conceded 56 goals since the start of the season?"

"Every game was analysed; play and players were frankly discussed."

The crisis meeting had an even more urgent look when it was revealed that the bank has clamped down on Watford's spending.

Leighton Orient have watched Newport County centre-forward Tom Johnston four times in the last fortnight. Remember big Tom? He knocked Arsenal out of the Cup two seasons ago with two brilliant headers for Norwich.

Ben Hogan Announces Retirement

New York, Oct. 17. Ben Hogan announced his formal retirement from competitive golf today.

The 44-year-old Hogan, who originally had said he would quit the game after he failed to win the National Open for the fifth time last summer, reiterated his intention in an article in the current issue of Look magazine.

"I can no longer compete in tournament," he said in the article. "I can no longer maintain the concentration of strength necessary to prepare properly."

—United Press.

AT HIS BEST MOTTRAM ONLY FRINGED ON WORLD CLASS

London, Oct. 18.

The end of a Lawn Tennis era for Britain was reached when Tony Mottram and his wife, formerly Joy Gannon, became professionals.

At his best, Mottram only fringed on world class, but without him Britain would have been nowhere.

He set a record by playing 56 Davis Cup matches, winning 25 singles and 11 doubles.

"It was a decision neither of us have reconsidered for a moment," said Mottram. "We have had so much fun out of tennis that we would like to give something back. I do not feel like branching out into a new career now, since I might lose contact with the game I like so much."

The question of turning professional had been in his mind for the last four years. This winter they are both going to the West Indies, where they will lecture, teach, and demonstrate. The following spring they return to Britain.

"Our idea," Mottram added, "is to give exhibitions, hold clinics and to teach, especially in those parts of Britain where there are only small tournaments or even none at all."

LAST MATCH
Between the spring of 1947 against Poland, and his last match against India at Manchester, he played for Britain in every Davis Cup tie—19 in all—generally in both singles and doubles.

He passed his peak a year or two ago. He has reached the Men's Doubles final at Wimbledon.

How to be a winger in the Harry Hooper style
Send your corners hard and low

Learn soccer with the stars

When I was a small boy I spent hours kicking a tennis ball dangled from a hook in the ceiling at home. As it swung towards me I would kick with the left foot, then with the right until in time I could send it with either foot in the direction I wanted, whatever angle it came at me.

Later, when I got a football of my own, I used to kick it

HARRY HOOPER, born in Durham, 1933, son of former Sheffield United full-back and present assistant trainer of West Ham. First played in London as boy in semi-final of England youth competition. On amateur forms with Sunderland, but after West Ham trial with Fulham immediately signed professional with them. England "B" player.

against a wall with the left foot, then on the rebound with the right foot, until I could land it on any part of the wall.

This was bad for the ball but it was fine for my accuracy.

CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE

The fact that today, with a first-time crack at goal, I am able to score fairly often instead of always blazing wide, is due, I am sure, to that practice years ago at home.

Another childhood experience has helped me to score goals in League football. Once, when I was playing for Hytton Colliery Juniors against Seaham Juniors in Durham, I happened to be standing on my own corner of our 18-yard line while our left-winger took a corner.

The corner was headed out to me and I volleyed the ball straight into the net.

Ever since then, when my opposite winger is taking a corner, I stand on that spot. It is surprising how often the ball comes to me there, either because the corner kick is pulled back or because of a faulty clearance, or because another of our forwards flicks it back to me.

Try it yourself and see.

ACCURATE CENTRING

Continual childhood practice has helped me, too, with centring where accuracy is just as important as it is in shooting.

Although you should try to centre before the whole of the defence has got back into goal—which means that you do not waste time dribbling about near the corner flag—you usually find opposing legs between you and the team mate you want to reach.

You can beat your nearest opponents by lobbing the ball over; but, because the opposing centre-half and, still more, the opposing goalkeeper have more chance with a lob than your own forwards have, it is generally best to drive your centres along the ground.

THE GAPS

This means that you have to find not only your own man but also the gaps between opponents. You can get that degree of accuracy only by continual practice.

But a winger, because he takes corner kicks, has to be good with a dead as well as with a moving ball. Practise taking corners with only two yards run—because that is all the room you get on most grounds—and practise both lobbing it and driving it.

Providing I can see a space clear through to one of my team, I like to send a hard low drive, rather than a lob, even from a corner kick. Attacks in the air should be left as much as possible to the RAF.

That especially applies to penalty-kicks. Put one in the air and the goalkeeper has a chance. But put it hard and low to the corner of the net and the goalkeeper should have no chance.

PENALTY KICKS

When taking a penalty, do not, in fact, look at the goalkeeper. Make up your mind to



HARRY HOOPER—hard and low drives are always better than lobs

London Express Service

which corner you are going to aim and then never take your eye off the ball until the kick is completed.

But avoid doing what I once did. In one of my early games for the Reserves against Spurs, I tried to shave the post with a penalty kick. Instead I hit the post.

Remember that if you hit the ball hard and low the goalkeeper still will not have a chance, even if you are as much as a yard inside the post. So

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WHY GOLF IS ROYAL AND ANCIENT

By DENNIS HART

Glasgow 1502. James the Fourth, King of Scotland, ratifies a treaty of perpetual peace with England—and also his wedding to Princess Margaret, daughter of England's Henry the Seventh. And so golf is born.

The connection? It is explained by Robert Browning in his "A History of Golf" (J. M. Dent and Sons, 25s.).

Until the treaty, England and Scotland had continually been at each other's throats. In the interests of military training Scotland even banned golf.

Came the treaty and golf was allowed to thrive. Came the royal marriage, which united England and Scotland, and the game spread to England.

A spot more bother, which resulted in such unpleasantness as the battle of Flodden, delayed the perpetual peace for a hundred years.

ROYAL BOOST

But golf continued to thrive. It was given a further royal boost a hundred years later when James the Sixth, grandson of James the Fourth, succeeded to the English throne, and took his golf clubs with him.

Present day players, however, would find it difficult to recognise the rough and ready pastime of over four hundred years ago as the forerunner to the highly-organised scientific game of today.

There were no courses, no rules. Any stretch of heath would do. Two, three, or four players, would set out on a clear, crisp morning to see who could hit their ball the farthest. And each man had only one club. No mauls, nibblers for countering difficult lies.

All games develop, of course, but golfers can thank their stars that their game took the turn it did.

At the time golf was developing in Britain so was its Flemish form, **CHOLE**.

CHOLE

Chole was played between two sides of one or more players, but with only one ball. The idea was to aim at a goal—such as a cemetery gate or a church door—up to six miles from the starting point.

Then the opponents bid the number of "turns" (three strokes) in which they undertook to reach the goal. The

side which bid lowest "went in" first.

The nasty part about the business was that after each "turn" the opposing side had a free shot with which they could hit the ball back, or into any natural hazard, like a pot-hole.

Not surprising that earliest references to Chole in Britain are mostly for summonses for assault by one player on another.

How would you feel, having taken three shots to blast your way out of a bunker, if your opponent gently tapped it back?

Edward Potgieter, the giant South African now seeking boxing fame in Britain, looks like having a long stay.

"As long as Potty makes good, we're not letting him go," promoter Jack Solomons tells me.

How long will that be? "Quite a time," declares genial Jack. "Potty is well on the way to fulfilling the things I expected of him when I saw him in South Africa."

Training down in South Wales, Potty has been coached by Jack Petersen, former British Cruiser, and Heavyweight Champion, and Nat Soller.

Nat, present manager to Flyweight Dal Dower, has trained a dozen Champions, including Tommy Farr.

His verdict on the giant South African?

"If he trains hard for eighteen months Potty will be ready for anyone."

Potgieter's next fight is at Harringay on October 18 when he pits his 22½ stone against the 18½ stone of Jamaica's Noel Reed.

Looks like the ring will be the biggest sufferer here.

AMATEUR STATUS

Chris Chatway versus Roger Bannister. No, not on the track, but on television. The two four-minute milers now match their screen personalities over Britain's rival television net-works.

Chatway has already made a hit as newscaster on the new commercial television.

Reply of the established British Broadcasting Company is to sign Bannister. This gives the BBC the advantage. Bannister has given up athletics so he can comment on sport without worrying about his amateur status.—London Express Service.

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New Attempt To Demolish Berlin Air-Raid Shelter

Berlin, Oct. 17.
 A new attempt is to be made to demolish Gustav, Berlin's giant air-raid shelter, which was once written off as an indestructible relic of the war.

Allied bombers, British Army engineers and Berlin workmen have all failed to flatten the colossal structure, which could shelter 30,000 people at a time. But now post-war planning requires its destruction.

Hitler himself ordered Gustav, the Nazi code name for the shelter, to be built in 1939, a few days after the war began, on a site just outside the city. The concrete and steel bulk 138 feet high and 231 feet from corner to corner, took four years to complete. Its walls were 15 feet five inches thick and it boasted seven lifts, a power station and a water pumping system.

The total cost was about £3,500,000 sterling, and the Nazis claimed that it was the safest and largest shelter in the world.

Museum Pieces

Inside Gustav the Nazis hid the most precious German museum pieces, later confiscated by the Russians when they arrived in May 1945. The ancient Greek Pergamon Altar, for instance, was among the priceless treasures which the Soviet troops looted on their way to take over the city.

After he was a complete military hospital with 400 beds on the top floor of the shelter, the badly damaged ward, Robert Koch's hospital, on the floor below were housed several hundred old people whose homes had been destroyed.

In the cold winter of 1946-7, the British occupation authorities ordered the destruction of Gustav, now in the British sector of Berlin. West Berlin city authorities, however, the British, with petitions to allow the shelter to remain until new hospital beds had been found. In April 1947, Gustav's last secret deeded once and for all. The British ordered its demolition, the United States Army dismantled the seven lifts. British Army engineers began preparing to blow it up and West Berlin authorities dropped it of its interior fittings.

20,000 Holes

British Army engineers drilled 20,000 holes in the shelter walls during the next three months, and 10 miles of cables were laid for the explosion. On August 27, 1947, everyone living within half a mile was evacuated and all but a few particularly wild animals were taken away from the zoo.

At 4 p.m., a mighty explosion shook the city. When the clouds of dust settled, the experts were amazed—the 20 tons of dynamite had done little or no damage to Gustav. A month later, the British authorities tried again—this time with 40 tons of explosive. This attempt merely scared one of the towers. By this time, the destruction of Gustav had become some-

thing of a question of prestige for the British and a source of amusement to the Berliners. Preparations for the third explosion went on for a whole year.

In July 1948, after a terrible roar, a mushroom of smoke rose in the air, the roofs of nearby houses were torn off, windows were shattered through the vicinity and the zoo's reported sterling worth about £8,300.

The Gustav still stood, a little shaken perhaps, and leading a little to one side, but it was still there.

Then, this year, city planners took out of their files an old project for a new underground railway line which would pass right under Gustav.

Three Years

Experts estimated that demolition of the shelter would take three years and cost £330,000. On the other hand, about 200,000 tons of brick rubble 120,000 tons of concrete blocks for road construction and several thousand tons of valuable metal scrap could be dug out of the hill, saving the city about £200,000.

So now squads of workmen, armed with pick-axes and shovels, have begun once more to prepare Gustav's destruction. China Mail Special.

PRISONERS RELEASED



Mail Notices

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 By Air
 Malaya, Indonesia, 3 p.m.
 Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 4 p.m.
 Japan, 6 p.m.
 Canada, 6 p.m.
 Philippines, 6 p.m.
 By Surface
 Macao, 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
 By Air
 Formosa, Okinawa, 8 a.m.
 U.S.A., 8 a.m.
 Indo-China, 11 a.m.
 Thailand, Malaya, North Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 1 p.m.
 Formosa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
 Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
 Japan, 8 p.m.
 Indo-China, 6 p.m.
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
 Macao, 2 p.m.
 Canada, 3 p.m.
 Macao, 3 p.m.

First group of former German soldiers to be released from Russian prisoner-of-war camps are pictured here enjoying refreshment at Friedland Camp, West Germany. The men have been released following a promise made to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer by Marshal Bulganin during Herr Adenauer's recent visit to Moscow. A total of 9,826 men are expected to be freed by the Russians.—Express Photo.

Burma After Russian Aid

Calcutta, Oct. 17.
 Burmese Premier U Nu said today that he will invite Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Soviet Communist Party First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev to visit Burma.
 U Nu made the statement here, while en route to pay an official visit to the Soviet Union. U Nu said that Burma wanted to receive Soviet technical assistance and to make trade arrangements which would help her sell her rice.
 He said there was no question of Burma getting arms from the USSR.—France-Press.

Fire Cargo To Be Sold

Singapore, Oct. 17.
 Cargo valued at over M\$250,000—about £31,000—which was damaged when the 6,050-ton Norwegian freighter Troja caught fire recently, is to be auctioned here tomorrow.
 The Troja made for Singapore when it was discovered by members of the crew that hatch No. 4 was on fire, while the vessel was 600 miles from the colony.
 After a 120-hour battle, Singapore Harbour Board firemen put the fire out after flooding the hatch containing over 30,000 bags of copra cake.
 Local surveyors after taking the cargo off the ship decided to sell the damaged cargo of copra cake by auction, rather than re-ship it because of another outbreak of fire.
 The vessel was bound for European ports from the Philippines when, according to Capt. A. Jorgensen, the fire broke out due to internal combustion. —China Mail Special.

More Emigrants Return Home

Vienna, Oct. 17.
 Reports appearing almost daily in the press of the Soviet satellite states of eastern Europe suggest that the number of emigrants from Communist countries responding to their Governments' appeal to them to go home is increasing.
 The press reports state that such and such an emigrant who has lived abroad for many years has "voluntarily returned home because he could no longer bear life in the capitalist countries."

Most of the people returning are simple folk, like farmers or clerics, but there also seem to be increasing numbers of intellectuals and politicians asking for repatriation.

Altogether, it would appear that several hundred people have returned to Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and other Communist countries in the past three months. Most of them seem to have been influenced by the widespread "return home" propaganda campaign started by the Communist states a few months ago.

THREE FACTORS

Three factors contributed to their decision:
 Three factors contributed to their decision:

1. The promise of a general amnesty for all, except a few war criminals, irrespective of their political and religious activities while abroad.

2. The promise of a "suitable job on arrival," according to their profession.

3. The prospect of seeing again relatives whom they have not seen for many years.

Although each of the Communist countries carries out an individual campaign by radio, newspapers, leaflets and other activities, it is believed here that a central office with headquarters in Prague has been established to co-ordinate them.

This office, known as the "anti-emigration department" under the Czechoslovak Ministry of the Interior, is understood to be headed by a high Russian police officer and two satellite officers—a Czechoslovak colonel, belonging to the state security police, and a Hungarian major, its task is to control the activities

of all the political emigrant groups abroad and supply regular reports to the Soviet and satellite governments.

This campaign is being waged anonymously and officially. Special committees have been established in the Communist countries "for the welfare of refugees."

GLOWING COLOURS

In Czechoslovakia, this committee issues a weekly newspaper entitled "The Voice of the Fatherland," which is widely circulated abroad. Its first issue contained a complete list of the Czechoslovak embassies, legations, and diplomatic missions abroad which "are to supply all emigrants who wish to return with the necessary information." It also gave accounts of emigrants who had already returned, describing their new life in Czechoslovakia in the most glowing colours.

Czech and Slovak refugees living in camps privately in Austria and West Germany have received leaflets and circulars urging them to return home.

Svoboda Slovo, the Czech Socialist newspaper, reported on June 3 that refugees willing to return have founded "the movement of people in exile for a return home." In a letter to the Government Committee, they promised to "organize the return of misguided refugees."

Such movements have so far been established in France, the United States, West Germany and Austria.

Polish refugees in Britain, France and West Germany, according to reports reaching Vienna, have been systematically "bombarded with letters from their home country persuading them to return. These letters are written by Polish nationals who have relatives or friends in exile upon the initiative of the Government."

HOW PLEASANT

Polish nationals visiting the Western countries have tried to get into touch with refugees. International congresses to which delegates of satellite countries have been admitted have also been used for this purpose.

Prominent Polish leaders in exile have been invited to visit their home country "to convince themselves," as the reports state, "how pleasant life is there." They are even said to have been offered a free return to the West if they did not want to settle in Poland again.

Warsaw, the reports state, has even established a special radio station, "Radio Fatherland," with the slogan "Emigrants return home, the way into the Fatherland is open to you."

Long articles published in the satellite press reporting press conferences and public meetings at which the returned emigrants have described the "hell" in which they had to live in the West, suggest that all the returned emigrants have been forced to engage in active propaganda against the West. Two young Czechs, for instance, told the Aufbau und Frieden, the German language newspaper in Prague, that they lived in a refugee camp near Bielefeld, in West Germany, where they were "forced to enrich their meals with the meat of stolen dogs and cats. Other refugees, mostly Poles, were so hungry that they had to steal poultry and potatoes from nearby farms, and plunder tobacco shops."

There are two problems for the solution of which the Communist regimes urgently need the support of the returned emigrants.

LABOUR SHORTAGE

The first is the shortage of labour in all these countries, and the second is the considerable resistance which the Communist regimes still face, partly because of the low standard of living in these countries and partly because of the unpopular measures enacted there.

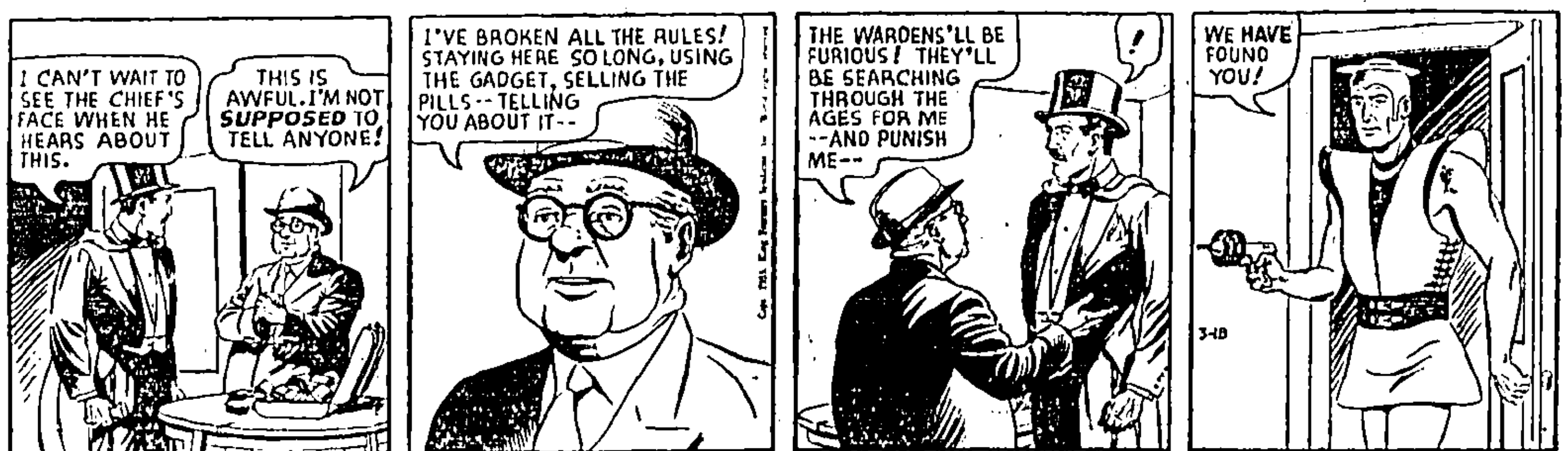
The "anti-West propaganda" is designed to break this resistance and make the people believe that they are much better off than their fellow-workers in the West.—China Mail Special.

TV IN CEYLON

Colombo, Oct. 17.
 Television will be on show for the first time in Ceylon at the Royal Agricultural Exhibition in Colombo next January.
 A compact unit is to be installed in the American National Pavilion. Visitors will be able to see themselves on the television screen.—China Mail Special.

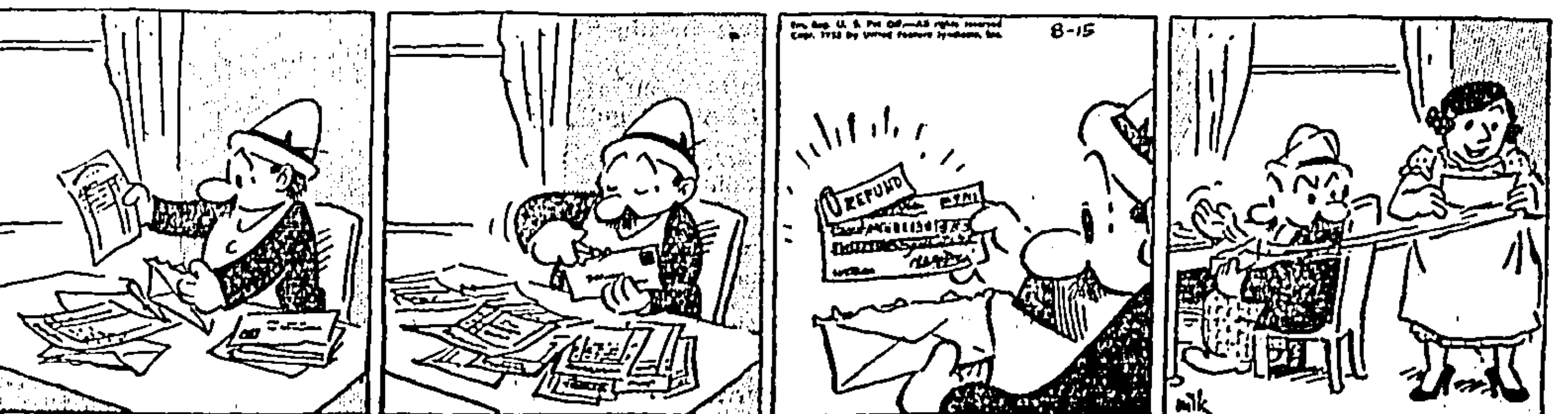
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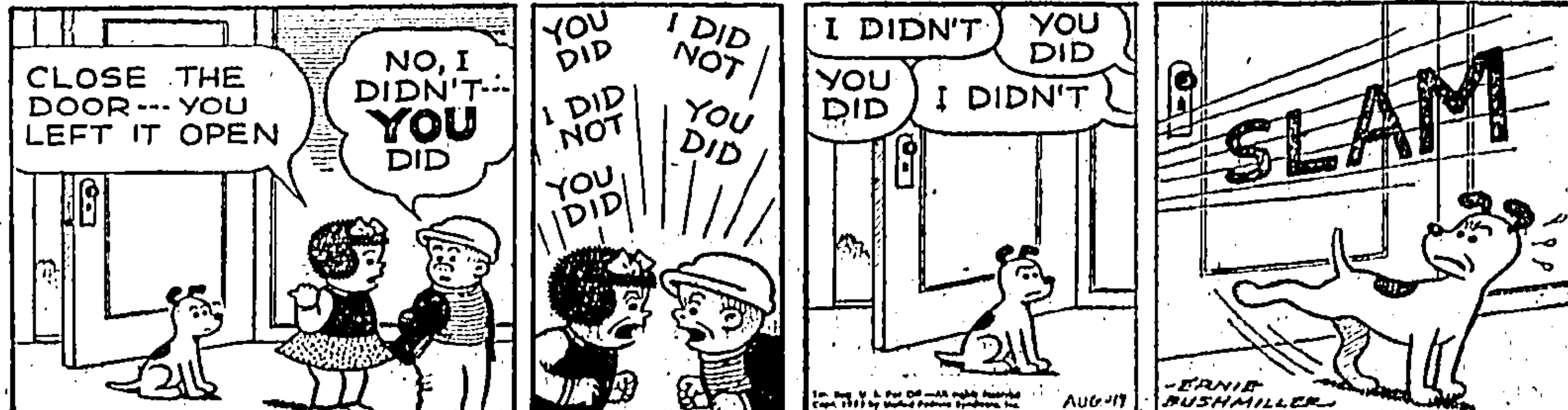
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